The Cover: The Nash County Courthouse, in Nashville, North Carolina, an important and rare example of Colonial Revival public architecture in the State, was completed in 1921. It is constructed of brick and distinguished by fine ornamentation. The temple-form main block is flanked by small brick wings.

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RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

The Honorable Joseph Branch, Chief Justice
The Supreme Court of North Carolina
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Chief Justice:

In accord with Section 7A-343 of the North Carolina General Statutes, I herewith transmit the Seventeenth Annual Report of the Administrative Office of the Courts, relating to the fiscal year, July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983.

Appreciation is expressed to the many persons who participated in the data reporting, compilation, and writing required to produce this annual report. Within the Administrative Office of the Courts, principal responsibilities were shared by the Research and Planning Division and the Information Services Division. The principal burden of reporting the great mass of trial court data rested upon the offices of the clerks of superior court located in each of the one hundred counties of the State. The Clerk of the Supreme Court and the Clerk of the Court of Appeals provided the case data relating to our appellate courts.

Without the responsible work of many persons across the State this report would not have been possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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Franklin E. Freeman, Jr.
Director

February, 1984

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PART I

THE 1982-1983 JUDICIAL YEAR IN REVIEW

THE 1982-83 JUDICIAL YEAR IN REVIEW

This *Annual Report* on the work of North Carolina's Judicial Department is for the fiscal year which began July 1, 1982 and ended June 30, 1983.

The Workload of the Courts

As set out in more detail in Part II of this *Report*, case filings in the Supreme Court totalled 209 compared with 241 filed during 1981-82. A total of 538 petitions were filed in the Supreme Court, compared with 681 in 1981-82; and 74 petitions were allowed compared with 75 in 1981-82.

For the Court of Appeals for 1982-83, case filings were 1,398 compared with 1,413 for the 1981-82 year. Petitions in 1982-83 totalled 483, compared with 581 during the 1981-82 year.

More detailed data on the appellate courts is included in Part II of this *Annual Report*.

In the superior courts, case filings (civil and criminal) increased by 1.1%, to a total of 85,488 in 1982-83, compared with 84,571 cases in 1981-82. Superior court case dispositions also increased, to a total of 84,797, compared with 82,165 in 1981-82. As case filings during the year exceeded case dispositions, the total number of cases pending at the end of the year increased by 691, or 0.8%. Operations of the superior courts are summarized in Part II of this *Report*, and detailed information on the caseloads in the 100 counties and 34 judicial districts is presented in Part IV.

Not including juvenile proceedings and mental hospital commitment hearings, the statewide total of district court filings (civil and criminal) during 1982-83 was 1,445,571, an increase of 24,262 cases (1.7%) from 1981-82 filings of 1,421,307 cases. The only area of the district court caseload to register an increase in 1982-83 over the previous fiscal year was the motor vehicle criminal case category, which had total filings of 728,517 cases in 1982-83, an increase of 7.5% over the 677,247 cases filed in 1981-82. There was a 2.9% drop in civil case filings from a total of 325,886 in 1981-82 to 316,539 in 1982-83. Most of this decrease was in civil magistrate filings, from 215,625 cases in 1981-82 to 206,163 cases in 1982-83. There was a small increase of 248 cases in the domestic relations category.

1983 Legislative Highlights

Constitutional Amendment

The General Assembly approved a proposed constitutional amendment to provide that district attorneys and the Attorney General must be authorized to practice law in North Carolina. This proposed amendment will be on the ballot for voter approval at the November, 1984 general election (Chapter 298, 1983 Session Laws).

Service As Emergency Judge

The number of years of service a retired judge or justice must have to be eligible to serve as an emergency judge or justice was reduced from 15 to 12 (Chapter 784, 1983 Session Laws).

Pay Increases

Funds were appropriated for a five percent pay increase for officials and employees of the Judicial Department, as was provided for State employees generally. The freeze on merit increases was continued. Longevity pay for elected officials in the Judicial Department was provided for the first time, with justices and judges to receive 4.8% if they have at least five years' service as a justice or judge and 9.6% if they have at least ten years' service. For the 83-84 fiscal year, clerks of court and district attorneys will receive a 4.8% longevity payment if they have at least five years of service in that elected office. Effective July 1, 1984, they will receive 9.6% longevity payment if they have at least ten years' service in office.

Increase In Court Costs

As recommended by the North Carolina Courts Commission, there was a general revision of the court fees; the first since 1965. The estimated increase in annual total revenue from court fees is about $10 million (Chapter 713, 1983 Session Laws).

Increase In Pay for Juror Service

The pay for jury service was increased from $8 to $12 a day, for petit jury service; and from $2 to $6 a day for special proceedings ($10 per day if the special proceeding lasts more than half a day).

Appeal of Rate Cases

Legislation was enacted to implement an amendment to the State Constitution which was approved by the voters in 1982. This change allows direct appeal of general rate decisions from the Utilities Commission to the N.C. Supreme Court (by-passing the Court of Appeals) (Chapter 526, 1983 Session Laws).

Conference of District Attorneys

A Conference of District Attorneys was established, to consist of all elected district attorneys. The Conference is authorized to employ an executive secretary, and has an appropriation of about $90,000 for the 1983-84 year.

Indigent Defense

As recommended by the Courts Commission, a separate line item is contained in the 1983-84 appropriation act for indigent defense costs, instead of this being an item in the Judicial Department budget.

There was an enactment to require the court to order parents to pay for a minor's legal services where the parents are financially able to do so (Chapter 726, 1983

Session Laws). The Administrative Office of the Courts was directed to implement statewide a guardian *ad litem* program for juveniles (Chapter 761, 1983 Session Laws).

N. C. Courts Commission

The Courts Commission was restructured, to have 24 voting members, with six members each appointed by the Speaker, the President of the Senate, the Governor, and the Chief Justice. The Governor continues to appoint the chairman. (Chapter 774, 1983 Session Laws).

Revision of Evidence Law

A comprehensive revision of the evidence statutes was enacted by the 1983 General Assembly (Chapter 701, 1983 Session Laws). These changes were recommended by the Legislative Research Commission, which had been authorized to undertake a study of evidence laws by prior resolutions of the General Assembly.

Administration of Estates by Affidavit

The size of small estates that may be administered by affidavit to the clerk of superior court was increased from $5,000 to $10,000 (Chapter 65, 1983 Session Laws). The amount of indebtedness owed a decedent that can be paid to the clerk for administration was increased from $2,000 to $5,000 (Chapter 65, 1983 Session Laws).

Waiver of Trial for Minor Boating, Hunting and Fishing Violations

Effective January 1, 1984, minor boating, hunting and fishing citations hay be handled as are minor traffic violations, on written waiver of trial and entry of plea of guilty in accord with a uniform schedule of fines adopted by the Conference of Chief District Judges. (Chapter 586, 1983 Session Laws). This eliminates the necessity for such persons to appear personally in court to enter pleas of guilty.

Speedy Trial Laws

The 120-day speedy trial requirement was made permanent, instead of a scheduled reduction to 90 days; and the exclusion of district court cases from the speedy-trial law was made permanent. Further, the 120-day requirement does not apply in a county that has fewer than eight regularly scheduled criminal or mixed weekly sessions of superior court each year (Chapter 571, 1983 Session Laws).

Appropriations for Judicial Department

At the regular 1983 Session, the General Assembly approved the following appropriations directly to the Judicial Department: $89,201,205 for the 1983-84 year and $87,181,828 for the 1984-85 year, for operations of the Judicial Department; and $14,106,078 for the 1983-84 year, and $12,931,431 for the 1984-85 year, for indigent defense fees. A portion ($2,785,856) of the 83-84 amount for indigent defense fees was for payment for services in the latter part of the 1982-83 fiscal year.

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- **Historical Development of Court System**
- **Present Court System**
- **Organization and Operations in 1982-83**

HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA COURT SYSTEM

From its early colonial period North Carolina's judicial system has been the focus of periodic attention and adjustment. Through the years, there has been a repeated sequence of critical examination, proposals for reform, and finally the enactment of some reform measures.

Colonial Period

Around 1700 the royal governor established a General (or Supreme) Court for the colony and a dispute developed over the appointment of associate justices. The Assembly conceded to the King the right to name the chief justice but unsuccessfully tried to win for itself the power to appoint the associate justices. Other controversies developed concerning the creation and jurisdiction of the courts and the tenure of judges. As for the latter, the Assembly's position was that judge appointments should be for good behavior as against the royal governor's decision for life appointment. State historians have noted that "the Assembly won its fight to establish courts and the judicial structure in the province was grounded on laws enacted by the legislature", which was more familiar with local conditions and needs (Lefler and Newsome, 142). Nevertheless, North Carolina alternated between periods under legislatively enacted reforms (like good behavior tenure and the Court Bill of 1746, which contained the seeds of the post-Revolutionary court system) and periods of stalemate and anarchy after such enactment were nullified by royal authority. A more elaborate system was framed by legislation in 1767 to last five years. It was not renewed because of persisting disagreement between local and royal partisans. As a result, North Carolina was without higher courts until after Independence (Battle, 847).

At the lower court level during the colonial period, judicial and county government administrative functions were combined in the authority of the justices of the peace, who were appointed by the royal governor.

After the Revolution

When North Carolina became a state in 1776, the colonial structure of the court system was retained largely intact. The Courts of Pleas and Quarter Sessions — the county court which continued in use from about 1670 to 1868 — were still held by the assembled justices of the peace in each county. The justices were appointed by the governor on the recommendation of the General Assembly, and they were paid out of fees charged litigants. On the lowest level of the judicial system, magistrate courts of limited jurisdiction were held by justices of the peace, singly or in pairs, while the county court was out of term.

The new Constitution of 1776 empowered the General Assembly to appoint judges of the Supreme Court of Law and Equity. A court law enacted a year later authorized three superior court judges and created judicial districts. Sessions were supposed to be held in the court towns of each district twice a year, under a system much like the one that had expired in 1772. Just as there had been little distinction in terminology between General Court and Supreme Court prior to the Revolution, the terms Supreme Court and Superior Court were also interchangeable during the period immediately following the Revolution.

One of the most vexing governmental problems confronting the new State of North Carolina was its judiciary. "From its inception in 1777 the state's judiciary caused complaint and demands for reform." (Lefler and Newsome, 291, 292). Infrequency of sessions, conflicting judge opinions, and insufficient number of judges, and lack of means for appeal were all cited as problems, although the greatest weakness was considered to be the lack of a real Supreme Court.

In 1779, the legislature required the Superior Court judges to meet together in Raleigh as a Court of Conference to resolve cases which were disagreed on in the districts. This court was continued and made permanent by subsequent laws. The justices were required to put their opinions in writing to be delivered orally in court. The Court of Conference was changed in name to the Supreme Court in 1805 and authorized to hear appeals in 1810. Because of the influence of the English legal system, however, there was still no conception of an alternative to judges sitting together to hear appeals from cases which they had themselves heard in the districts in panels of as few as two judges (Battle, 848). In 1818, though, an independent three-judge Supreme Court was created for review of cases decided at the Superior Court level.

Meanwhile, semi-annual superior court sessions in each county were made mandatory in 1806, and the State was divided into six circuits, or ridings, where the six judges were to sit in rotation, two judges constituting a quorum as before.

The County Court of justices of the peace continued during this period as the lowest court and as the agency of local government.

After the Civil War

Major changes to modernize the judiciary and make it more democratic were made in 1868. A primary holdover from the English legal arrangement — the distinction between law and equity proceedings — was abolished. The County Court's control of local government was abolished. Capital offenses were limited to murder, arson, burglary and rape, and the Constitution stated that the aim of punishment was "not only to satisfy justice, but also to reform the offender, and thus prevent crime". The membership of the Supreme Court was raised to five, and the selection of the justices (including the designation of the chief justice) and superior court judges (raised in number to 12) was taken from the legislature and given to the voters, although vacancies were to be filled by the governor until the next election. The Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions — The County Court of which three justices of the peace constituted a quorum — was eliminated. Its judicial responsibilities were divided between the Superior Courts and the individual justices of the peace, who were retained as separate judicial officers with limited jurisdiction.

Conservatively oriented amendments to the 1868 Constitution in 1875 reduced the number of Supreme Court justices to three and the Superior Court judges to nine. The General Assembly was given the power to appoint justices of the peace, instead of the governor. Most of the modernizing changes in the post-Civil War Constitution, however, were left, and the judicial structure it had established continued without systematic modification through more than half of the 20th century. (A further constitutional amendment approved by the voters in November, 1888, returned the Supreme Court membership to five, and the number of superior court judges to twelve.)

Before Reorganization

A multitude of legislative enactments to meet rising demands and to respond to changing needs had heavily encumbered the 1868 judicial structure by the time systematic court reforms were proposed in the 1950's. This accrual of piecemeal change and addition to the court system was most evident at the lower, local court level, where hundreds of courts specially created by statute operated with widely dissimilar structure and jurisdiction.

By 1965, when the implementation of the most recent major reforms was begun, the court system in North Carolina consisted of four levels: (a) the Supreme Court, with appellate jurisdiction; (b) the superior court, with general trial jurisdiction; (c) the local statutory courts of limited jurisdiction, and (d) justices of the peace and mayor's courts, with petty jurisdiction.

At the superior court level, the State had been divided into 30 judicial districts and 21 solicitorial districts. The 38 superior court judges (who rotated among the counties) and the district solicitors were paid by the State. The clerk of superior court, who was judge of probate and often also a juvenile judge, was a county official. There were specialized branches of superior court in some counties for matters like domestic relations and juvenile offenses.

The lower two levels were local courts. At the higher of these local court levels were more than 180 recorder-type courts. Among these were the county recorder's courts, municipal recorder's courts and township recorder's courts; the general county courts, county criminal courts and special county courts; the domestic relations courts and the juvenile courts. Some of these had been established individually by special legislative acts more than a half-century earlier. Others had been created by general law across the State since 1919. About half were county courts and half were city or township courts. Jurisdiction included misdemeanors (mostly traffic offenses), preliminary hearings and sometimes civil matters. The judges, who were usually part-time, were variously elected or appointed locally.

At the lowest level were about 90 mayor's courts and some 925 justices of the peace. These officers had similar criminal jurisdiction over minor cases with penalties up to a $50 fine or 30 days in jail. The justices of the peace also had civil jurisdiction of minor cases. These court officials were compensated by the fees they exacted, and they provided their own facilities.

Court Reorganization

The need for a comprehensive evaluation and revision of the court system received the attention and support of Governor Luther H. Hodges in 1957, who encouraged the leadership of the North Carolina Bar Association to pursue the matter. A Court Study Committee was established as an agency of the North Carolina Bar Association, and that Committee issued its report, calling for reorganization, at the end of 1958. A legislative Constitutional Commission, which worked with the Court Study Committee, finished its report early the next year. Both groups called for the structuring of an all-inclusive court system which would be directly state-operated, uniform in its organization throughout the State and centralized in its administration. The plan was for a simplified, streamlined and unified structure. A particularly important part of the proposal was the elimination of the local satutory courts and their replacement by a single District Court; the office of justice of the peace was to be abolished, and the newly fashioned position of magistrate would function within the District Court as a subordinate judicial office.

Constitutional amendments were introduced in the legislature in 1959 but these failed to gain the required three-fifths vote of each house. The proposals were reintroduced and approved at the 1961 session. The Constitutional amendments were approved by popular vote in 1962, and three years later the General Assembly enacted statutes to put the system into effect by stages. By the end of 1970 all of the counties and their courts had been incorporated into the new system, whose unitary nature was symbolized by the name, General Court of Justice. The designation of the entire 20th century judicial system as a single, statewide "court," with components for various types and levels of caseload, was adapted from North Carolina's earlier General Court, whose full venue extended to all of the 17th century counties.

After Reorganization

Notwithstanding the comprehensive reorganization adopted in 1962, the impetus for changes has continued. In 1965, the Constitution was amended to provide for the creation of an intermediate Court of Appeals. It was amended again in 1972 to allow for the Supreme Court to censure or remove judges upon the recommendation of a Judicial Standards Commission. As for the selection of judges, persistent efforts have been made in the 1970's to obtain legislative approval of amendments to the State Constitution, to appoint judges according to "merit" instead of electing them by popular, partisan vote. The proposed amendments have received the backing of a majority of the members of each house, but not the three-fifths required to submit constitutional amendments to a vote of the people. It seems likely that this significant issue will be before the General Assembly again for consideration.

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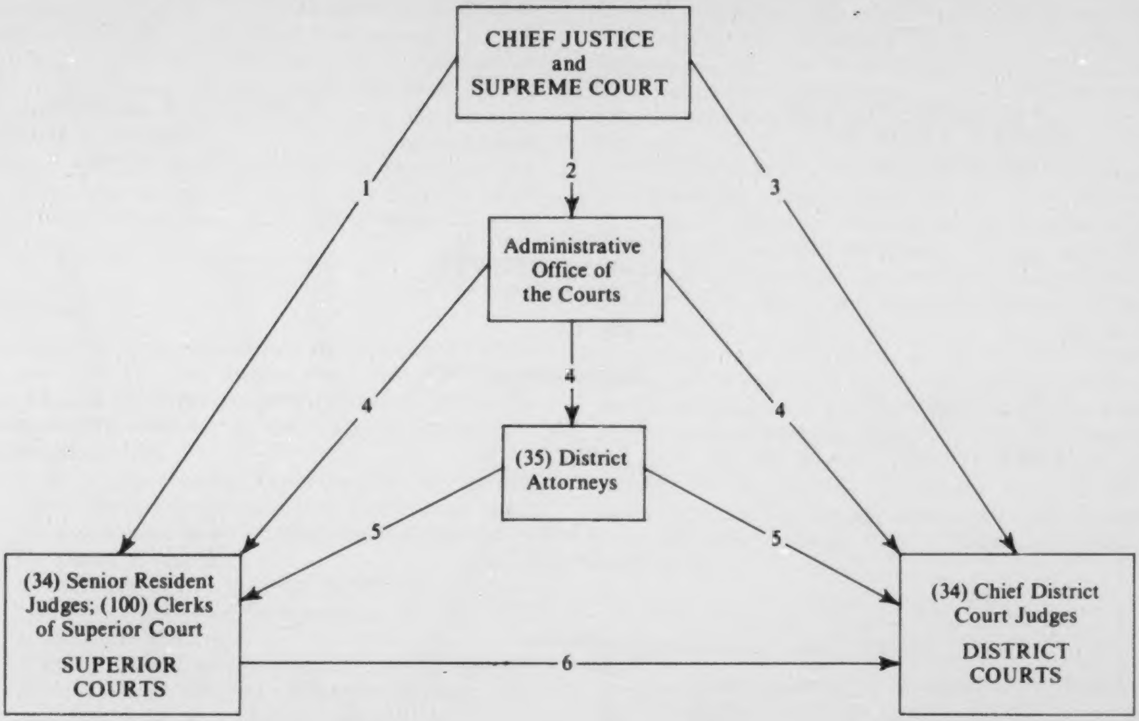
each of the State's 34 judicial districts from among the elected district court judges of the respective districts. These judges have responsibilities for the scheduling of the district courts and magistrates' courts within their respective districts, along with other administrative responsibilities.

The Administrative Office of the Courts is responsible for direction of non-judicial, administrative and business affairs of the Judicial Department. Included among its functions are fiscal management, personnel services, information and statistical services, supervision of record keeping in the trial court clerks' offices, liaison with the legislative and executive departments of government, court facility evaluation, purchase and contract, education and training, coordination of the program for provision of legal counsel to indigent persons, juvenile probation and after-care, trial court administrator services, planning, and general administrative services.

The clerk of superior court in each county acts as clerk for both the superior and district courts. Until 1980, the clerk also served as chairman of the county's calendar committee, which set the civil case calendars. Effective July 1, 1980, these committees were eliminated; day-to-day calendaring of civil cases is now done by the clerk of superior court or by a "trial court administrator" in some districts, under the supervision of the senior resident superior court judge and chief district court judge. The criminal case calendars in both superior and district courts are set by the district attorney of the respective district.

THE PRESENT COURT SYSTEM

Principal Administrative Authorities for North Carolina Trial Courts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Administrative Office of the Courts
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(35) District Attorneys
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(34) Senior Resident Judges; (100) Clerks of Superior Court
SUPERIOR COURTS
6
(34) Chief District Court Judges
DISTRICT COURTS

[1] The Supreme Court has general supervisory authority over the operations of the superior courts (as well as other trial courts). The schedule of superior courts is approved by the Supreme Court; assignments of superior court judges, who rotate from district to district, are the responsibility of the Chief Justice.

[2] The Director and an Assistant Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Chief Justice.

[3] The Supreme Court has general supervisory authority over the operations of the district courts (as well as other trial courts). The Chief Justice appoints a chief district court judge in each of the 34 judicial districts from the judges elected in the respective districts.

[4] The Administrative Office of the Courts is empowered to prescribe a variety of rules governing the operation of the offices of the 100 clerks of superior court, and to obtain statistical data and other information from officials in the Judicial Department.

[5] The district attorney sets the criminal-case trial calendars. In each district, the senior resident superior court judge and the chief district court judge are empowered to supervise the calendaring procedures for civil cases in their respective courts.

[6] In addition to certain judicial functions, the clerk of superior court performs administrative, fiscal and record-keeping functions for both the superior court and district court of his county. Magistrates, who serve under the supervision of the chief district court judge, are appointed by the senior resident superior court judge from nominees submitted by the clerk of superior court.

THE SUPREME COURT OF NORTH CAROLINA*

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ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1982-83

The Supreme Court

At the apex of the North Carolina court system is the seven-member Supreme Court, which sits in Raleigh to consider and decide questions of law presented in civil and criminal cases on appeal. The Chief Justice and six associate justices are elected to eight-year terms by the voters of the State. There are two terms of the Supreme Court each year: a Spring Term commencing on the first Tuesday in February and a Fall Term commencing on the first Tuesday in September. The Court does not sit in panels. It sits only *en banc*, that is, all members sitting on each case.

Jurisdiction

The only original case jurisdiction exercised by the Supreme Court is in the censure and removal of judges upon the (non-binding) recommendations of the Judicial Standards Commission. The Court's appellate jurisdiction includes:

— cases on appeal by right from the Court of Appeals (cases involving substantial constitutional questions and cases in which there has been dissent in the Court of Appeals);

— cases on appeal by right from the Utilities Commission (cases involving final order or decision in a general rate matter);

— criminal cases on appeal by right from the superior courts (cases in which the defendant has been sentenced to death or life imprisonment); and

— cases in which review has been granted in the Supreme Court's discretion.

Discretionary review by the Supreme Court directly from the trial courts may be granted when delay would likely cause subsantial harm or when the workload of the Appellate Division is such that the expeditious administration of justice requires it. However, most appeals are heard only after review by the Court of Appeals.

Administration

The Supreme Court has general power to supervise and control the proceedings of the other courts of the General Court of Justice. The Court has specific power to prescribe the rules of practice and procedure for the trial court divisions, consistent with any rules enacted by the General Assembly. The schedule of superior court sessions in the 100 counties is approved yearly, by the Supreme Court. The Clerk of the Supreme Court, the Librarian of the Supreme Court Library, and the Appellate Division Reporter are appointed by the Supreme Court.

The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court appoints the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts and an Assistant Director, who serve at the pleasure of the Chief Justice. He also designates a Chief Judge from among the judges of the Court of Appeals and a Chief District Court Judge from among the district judges in each of the State's 34 judicial districts. He assigns superior court judges, who regularly rotate from district to district, to the scheduled sessions of superior court in the 100 counties, and he is also empowered to transfer district court judges to other districts for temporary or specialized duty. The Chief Justice appoints three of the seven members of the Judicial Standards Commission—a judge of the Court of Appeals who serves as the Commission's chairman, one superior court judge and one district court judge.

Operations of the Court, 1982-83

Operating expenses of the Supreme Court during the 1982-83 fiscal year amounted to $1,464,289, an increase of 7.2% over total 1981-82 expenditures of $1,365,955. Expenditures for the Supreme Court during 1982-83 constituted 1.5% of all General Fund expenditures for the operation of the entire Judicial Department during the fiscal year.

A total of 331 appealed cases were before the Supreme Court during the fiscal year, including 122 cases pending on July 1, 1982 and 209 cases filed during the year. A total of 188 appealed cases were disposed of, with 143 cases remaining pending on June 30, 1983.

A total of 651 petitions (requests to appeal) were before the Court during the 1982-83 year, with 563 petitions disposed of and 88 pending as of June 30, 1983.

More detailed data on the Court's workload is presented on the following pages.

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1982-83

Supreme Court Caseload Inventory

July 1, 1982-June 30, 1983

	Pending 7/1/82	Filed	Disposed	Pending 6/30/83
Petitions for Review				
Civil domestic	7	20	23	4
Juvenile	2	2	4	0
Other civil	45	154	162	37
Criminal	32	204	209	27
Postconviction remedy	17	114	123	8
Administrative agency decision	10	44	42	12
Total Petitions for Review	**113**	**538**	**563**	**88**
Appeals				
Civil domestic	0	2	2	0
Petitions for review granted that became civil domestic appeals	3	2	5	0
Juvenile	0	0	0	0
Petitions for review granted that became juvenile appeals	1	0	1	0
Other civil	10	20	20	10
Petitions for review granted that became other civil appeals	17	29	30	16
Criminal, defendant sentenced to death	9	14	5	18
Criminal, defendant sentenced to life imprisonment	47	74	56	65
Other criminal	13	20	24	9
Petitions for review granted that became other criminal appeals	8	24	20	12
Petitions for review granted that became postconviction remedy cases	2	1	1	2
Administrative agency decision	8	11	15	4
Petitions for review granted that became appeals of administrative agency decision	4	12	9	7
Total appeals	**122**	**209**	**188**	**143**
Other Proceedings				
Extraordinary writs	3	70	71	2
Advisory opinion	0	0	0	0
Rule amendments	0	4	4	0
Motions	13	350	360	3
Total other proceedings	**16**	**424**	**435**	**5**

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1982-83

Submission of Cases Reaching Decision Stage
July 1, 1982-June 30, 1983

Cases Argued	
Civil	70
Criminal	103
Total cases argued	**173**
Submissions Without Argument	
By motion of the parties (Appellate Rule 30 (d))	10
By order of the Court (Appellate Rule 30 (f))	0
Total submissions without argument	**10**
Total Cases Reaching Decision Stage	**183**

Disposition of Petitions and Other Proceedings by the Supreme Court
July 1, 1982-June 30, 1983

Petitions for Review	**Granted**	**Denied**	**Dismissed/Withdrawn**	**Total Disposed**
Civil Domestic	2	20	1	23
Juvenile	0	4	0	4
Other Civil	29	132	1	162
Criminal	29	180	0	209
Postconviction Remedy	2	85	36	123
Administrative Agency Decision	12	30	0	42
Total Petitions for Review	**74**	**451**	**38**	**563**
Other Proceedings				
Extraordinary Writs	17	54	0	71
Rule Amendments				4
Advisory Opinion				0
Motions				360
Total Other Proceedings				**435**

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1982-83

Disposition of Supreme Court Appeals With Published Opinion

Case Types	Affirmed	Modified	Reversed	Reversed Remanded	Remanded	Total Disposed
Civil domestic	2	0	1	3	0	6
Juvenile	1	0	0	0	0	1
Other civil	7	7	2	17	1	34
Criminal (death sentence)	4	0	0	1	0	5
Criminal (life sentence)	36	1	0	11	3	51
Other criminal	3	3	7	13	0	26
Postconviction remedy	1	0	0	0	0	1
Administrative agency decision	5	2	4	7	0	18
Totals	**59**	**13**	**14**	**52**	**4**	**142**

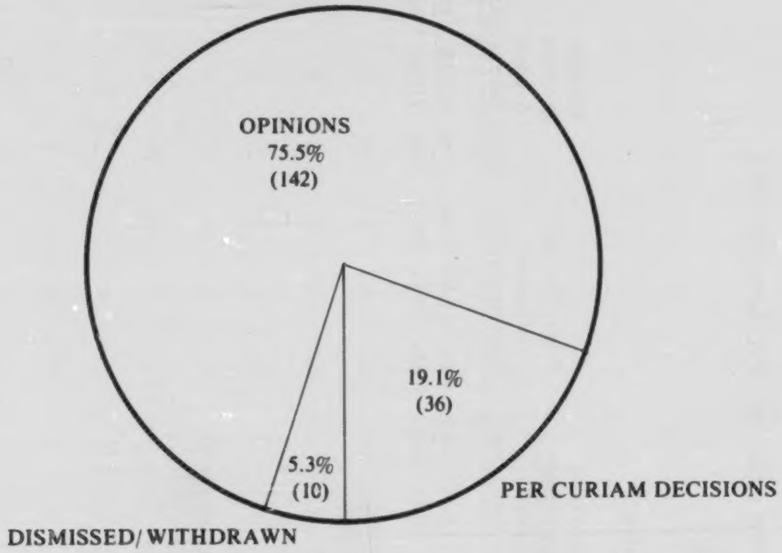
Disposition of Supreme Court Appeals with Per Curiam Decision

Case Types	Affirmed	Modified	Reversed	Reversed Remanded	Remanded	Total Disposed
Civil domestic	1	0	0	0	0	1
Juvenile	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other civil	10	2	0	1	0	13
Criminal (death sentence)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal (life sentence)	2	0	1	0	2	5
Other criminal	11	1	1	0	0	13
Postconviction remedy	0	0	0	0	0	0
Administrative agency decision	2	0	1	1	0	4
Totals	**26**	**3**	**3**	**2**	**2**	**36**

Disposition of Supreme Court Appeals by Dismissal or Withdrawal

Case Types	Dismissed or Withdrawn
Civil domestic	0
Juvenile	0
Other Civil	3
Criminal (death sentence)	0
Criminal (life sentence)	0
Other criminal	5
Postconviction remedy	0
Administrative agency decision	2
Totals	**10**

Manner of Disposition of Appeals in the Supreme Court
July 1, 1982-June 30, 1983



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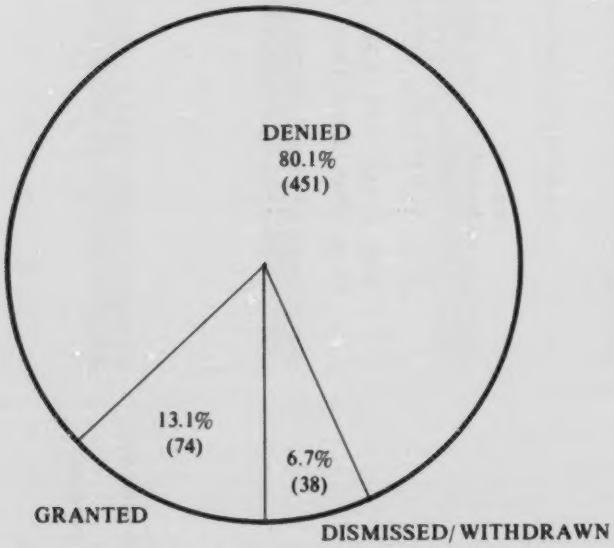
July 1, 1982-June 30, 1983



ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1982-83

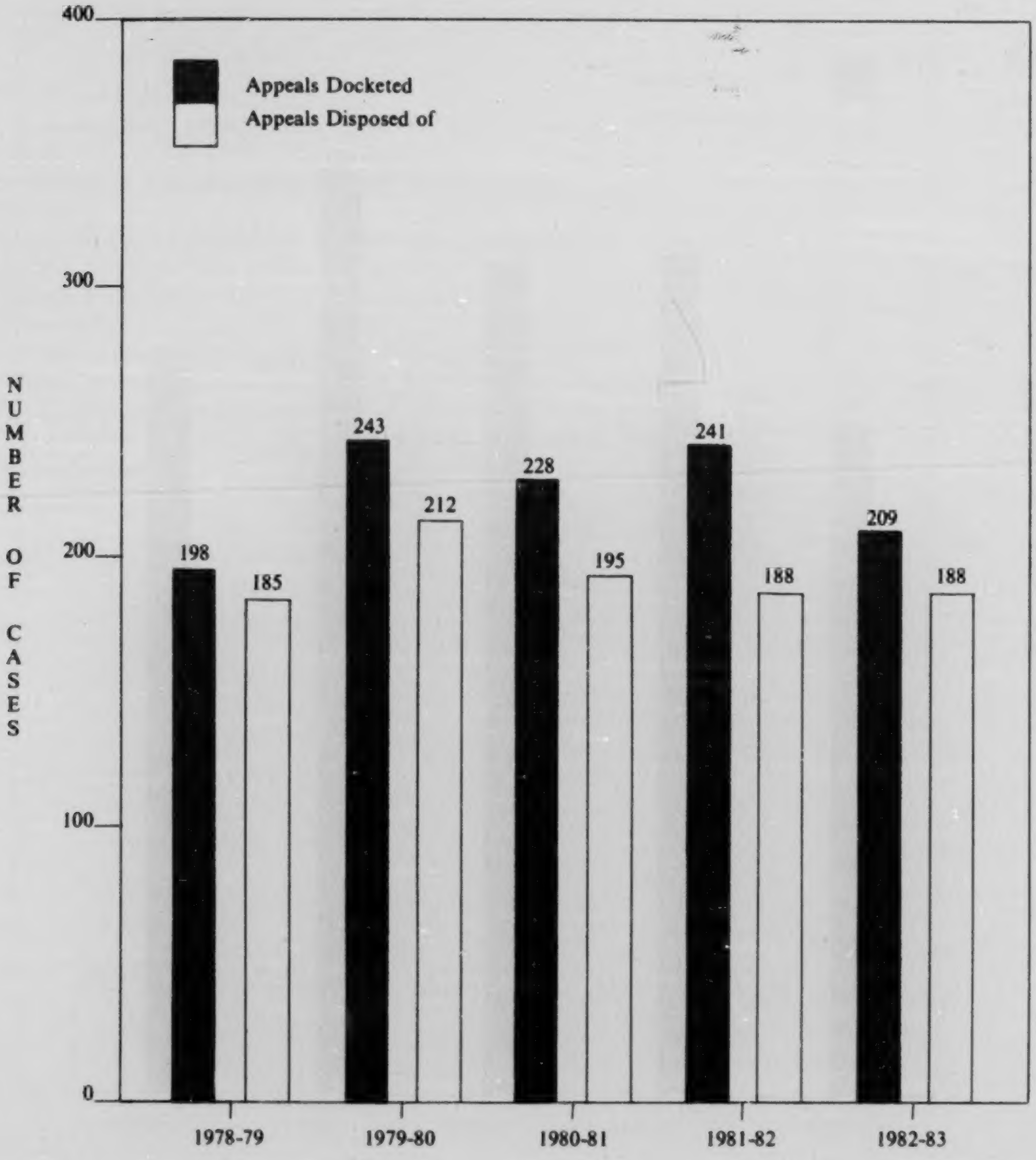
Number of Supreme Court Pending Cases By Status and Age as of June 30, 1983

	Not Ready for Oral Argument or Submission															
	Awaiting Record* (Pre-Docketing) (from cognizance)			Awaiting Appellant's Brief (from docketing)			Awaiting Appellee's Brief (from docketing)			Ready for Oral Argument (from docketing)			Pending Decision (Argued) (from date argued)			Total Pending Cases
Case Types	0-60 Days	61-150 Days	>150 Days	0-20 Days	20-40 Days	>40 Days	0-40 Days	41-60 Days	>60 Days	0-60 Days	61-90 Days	>90 Days	0-90 Days	91-150 Days	>150 Days	
Civil domestic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Juvenile	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Civil	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	2	2	1	6	6	4	26
Criminal (death sentence)	2	2	4	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	1	18
Criminal (life sentence)	7	5	4	6	3	3	0	2	2	0	4	5	20	2	2	65
Other criminal	0	0	0	1	0	2	3	0	0	5	4	1	2	1	2	21
Postconviction remedy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
Administrative agency decision	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	4	1	11
Total Appeals	**9**	**7**	**8**	**7**	**5**	**7**	**6**	**3**	**4**	**7**	**10**	**7**	**38**	**15**	**10**	**143**

*A status of Awaiting Record is applicable only in cases in which the defendant was sentenced to death or life imprisonment.

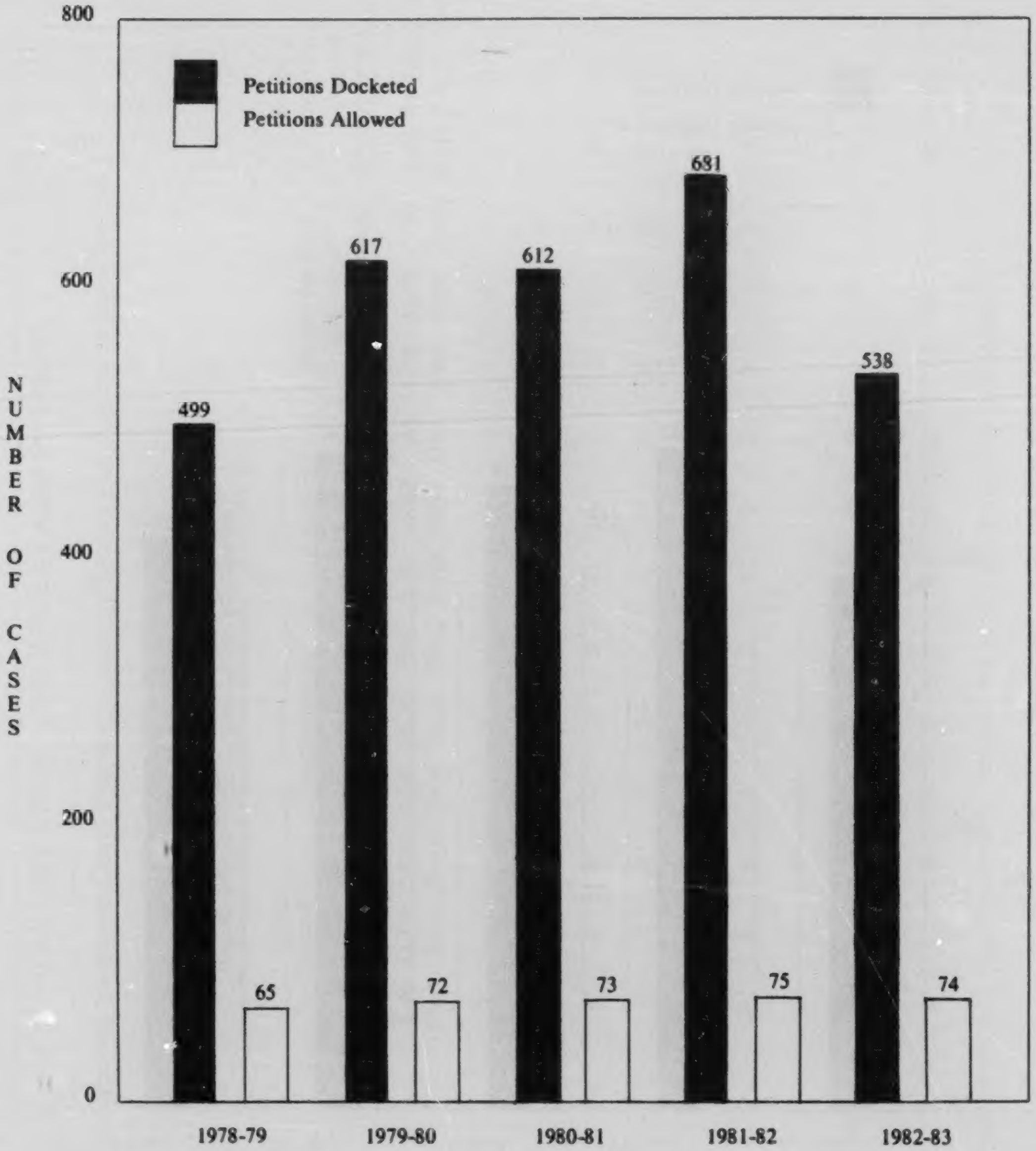
NORTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT

Appeals Docketed and Disposed of During the Years, 1978-79—1982-83



NORTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT

Petitions Docketed and Allowed During the Years, 1978-79—1982-83



ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1982-83

Supreme Court Processing Time for Disposed Cases
(Total time in days from docketing to decision)
July 1, 1982-June 30, 1983

	Number of Cases	Median	Mean
Civil domestic	2	—	147.5
Petitions for review granted that became civil domestic appeals	5	200	210.0
Juvenile	0	0	0.0
Petitions for review granted that became juvenile appeals	1	180	180.0
Other civil	20	155	214.1
Petitions for review granted that became other civil appeals	30	155	203.6
Criminal, defendant sentenced to death	5	315	307.0
Criminal, defendant sentenced to life imprisonment	56	185	201.9
Other criminal	24	135	159.7
Petitions for review granted that became other criminal appeals	20	140	156.3
Petitions for review granted that became postconviction remedy cases	1	260	260.0
Administrative agency decision	15	150	160.5
Petitions for review granted that became appeals of administrative agency decision	9	165	174.3
Totals	**188**	**165**	**192.5**

THE COURT OF APPEALS OF NORTH CAROLINA*

Chief Judge
EARL W. VAUGHN

Judges

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GERALD ARNOLD
JOHN WEBB
HUGH A. WELLS
CECIL J. HILL
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CLIFTON E. JOHNSON
E. MAURICE BRASWELL
EUGENE H. PHILLIPS
SIDNEY S. EAGLES, JR.

Retired Chief Judge
NAOMI E. MORRIS

Retired Judges

HUGH B. CAMPBELL
FRANK M. PARKER
EDWARD B. CLARK
ROBERT M. MARTIN

Clerk
FRANCIS E. DAIL

*As of 30 June 1983

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1982-83

The Court of Appeals

The 12-judge Court of Appeals is North Carolina's intermediate appellate court; it hears a majority of the appeals originating from the State's trial courts. The Court regularly sits in Raleigh, and it may sit in other locations in the State as authorized by the Supreme Court. Sessions outside of Raleigh have not been regular or frequent. Judges of the Court of Appeals are elected by popular vote for eight-year terms. A Chief Judge for the Court is designated by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and serves in that capacity at the pleasure of the Chief Justice.

Cases are heard by panels of three judges, with the Chief Judge responsible for assigning members of the Court to the four panels. Insofar as practicable, each judge is to be assigned to sit a substantially equal number of times with each other judge. The Chief Judge presides over the panel of which he or she is a member and designates a presiding judge for the other panels.

One member of the Court of Appeals, designated by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, serves as chairman of the Judicial Standards Commission.

Jurisdiction

The bulk of the caseload of the Court of Appeals consists of cases appealed from the trial courts. The Court also hears appeals directly from the Industrial Commission; certain final orders or decisions of the North Carolina State Bar; and the Commissioner of Insurance; the State Board of Contract Appeals; and appeals from certain final orders or decisions of the Property Tax Commission. (Appeals from the decisions of other administrative agencies lie first within the jurisdiction of the superior courts.)

In the event of a recommendation from the Judicial Standards Commission to censure or remove from office a justice of the Supreme Court, the (non-binding) recommendation would be considered by the Chief Judge and the six judges next senior in service on the Court of Appeals (excluding the judge who serves as the Commission's chairman). Such seven-member panel would have sole jurisdiction to act upon the Commission's recommendation.

Expenses of the Court, 1982-83

Operating expenses of the Court of Appeals during the 1982-83 fiscal year totalled $2,025,252, an increase of 4.1% over 1981-82 expenditures of $1,945,081. Expenditures for the Court of Appeals during 1982-83 amounted to 2.2% of all General Fund expenditures for operation of the entire Judicial Department during the fiscal year. This percentage share of the total is virtually identical to the Court of Appeals' percentage share of the Judicial Department total in the 1981-82 fiscal year.

Case Data, 1982-83

A total of 1,398 appealed cases were filed before the Court of Appeals during the period, July 1, 1982 - June 30, 1983. A total of 1,186 cases were disposed of during the same period. During the same year, a total of 483 petitions and 1,673 motions were filed before the Court of Appeals.

Further detail on the workload of the Court of Appeals is shown in the tables and graph on the following pages.

FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

July 1, 1982-June 30, 1983

Cases on Appeal	**Filings**	**Dispositions**
Civil cases appealed from district courts	283	
Civil cases appealed from superior courts	513	
Civil cases appealed from administrative agencies	60	
Criminal cases appealed from superior courts	542	
Total	**1,398**	**1,186**
Petitions		
Allowed		73
Denied		386
Remanded		1
Total	**483**	**460**
Motions		
Allowed		1,221
Denied		468
Remanded		2
Total	**1,673**	**1,691**
Total Cases on Appeal, Petitions and Motions	**3,554**	**3,337**

INVENTORY OF CASES APPEALED TO THE COURT OF APPEALS

July 1, 1982-June 30, 1983

Judicial Division	Judicial District	Cases Filed			Other Appeals	Total Cases Filed	Total Cases Disposed
		Appeals from District Courts	Appeals from Superior Court				
			Civil	Criminal			
I	1	7	9	10	0	26	35
	2	4	8	29	0	41	27
	3	9	22	18	0	49	46
	4	11	14	37	0	62	49
	5	9	9	17	0	35	34
	6	6	8	10	0	24	15
	7	5	13	11	0	29	23
	8	7	16	29	0	52	55
II	9	4	9	10	0	23	21
	10	17	78	29	60	184	168
	11	9	12	8	0	29	22
	12	11	10	35	0	56	45
	13	4	6	9	0	19	9
	14	5	18	12	0	35	34
	15A/B*	9	21	13	0	43	39
	16	5	7	28	0	40	25
III	17A/B*	2	12	8	0	22	22
	18	17	31	20	0	68	68
	19A/B*	14	19	18	0	51	43
	20	12	17	13	0	42	31
	21	29	34	29	0	92	66
	22	8	10	18	0	36	39
	23	9	6	11	0	26	19
IV	24	1	6	5	0	12	11
	25	14	22	16	0	52	46
	26	20	38	40	0	98	84
	27A/B*	9	12	30	0	51	36
	28	6	19	15	0	40	26
	29	12	13	12	0	37	27
	30	8	14	2	0	24	21
Totals		**283**	**513**	**542**	**60**	**1,398**	**1,186**

*Combined totals for Districts 15A and 15B, Districts 17A and 17B, Districts 19A and 19B, and Districts 27A and 27B are shown. Separate figures for these districts were not available.

MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF CASES BEFORE THE COURT OF APPEALS

July 1, 1982-June 30, 1983

		Cases Disposed by Written Opinion					
Judicial Division	**Judicial District**	**Cases Affirmed**	**Cases Reversed**	**Cases Affirmed in Part, Reversed in Part**	**Total Cases by Written Opinion**	**Other Cases Disposed**	**Total Cases Disposed**
I	1	22	11	0	33	2	35
	2	19	6	2	27	0	27
	3	32	13	0	45	1	46
	4	29	13	5	47	2	49
	5	24	3	1	28	6	34
	6	11	4	0	15	0	15
	7	19	3	0	22	1	23
	8	33	16	1	50	5	55
II	9	16	2	1	19	2	21
	10	100	44	6	150	18	168
	11	14	4	1	19	3	22
	12	35	9	0	44	1	45
	13	8	1	0	9	0	9
	14	26	6	1	33	1	34
	15A/B*	31	5	2	38	1	39
	16	21	3	0	24	1	25
III	17A/B*	13	5	1	19	3	22
	18	46	15	3	64	4	68
	19A/B*	35	5	1	41	2	43
	20	22	6	2	30	1	31
	21	42	12	5	59	7	66
	22	31	5	2	38	1	39
	23	17	2	0	19	0	19
IV	24	10	1	0	11	0	11
	25	34	6	2	42	4	46
	26	58	16	3	77	7	84
	27A/B*	24	7	2	33	3	36
	28	19	3	1	23	3	26
	29	18	7	0	25	2	27
	30	17	4	0	21	0	21
TOTALS		**826**	**237**	**42**	**1,105**	**81**	**1,186**

*Combined totals for Districts 15A and 15B, Districts 17A and 17B, Districts 19A and 19B, and Districts 27A and 27B are shown. Separate figures for these districts were not available.

INVENTORY OF MOTIONS AND PETITIONS BEFORE THE COURT OF APPEALS

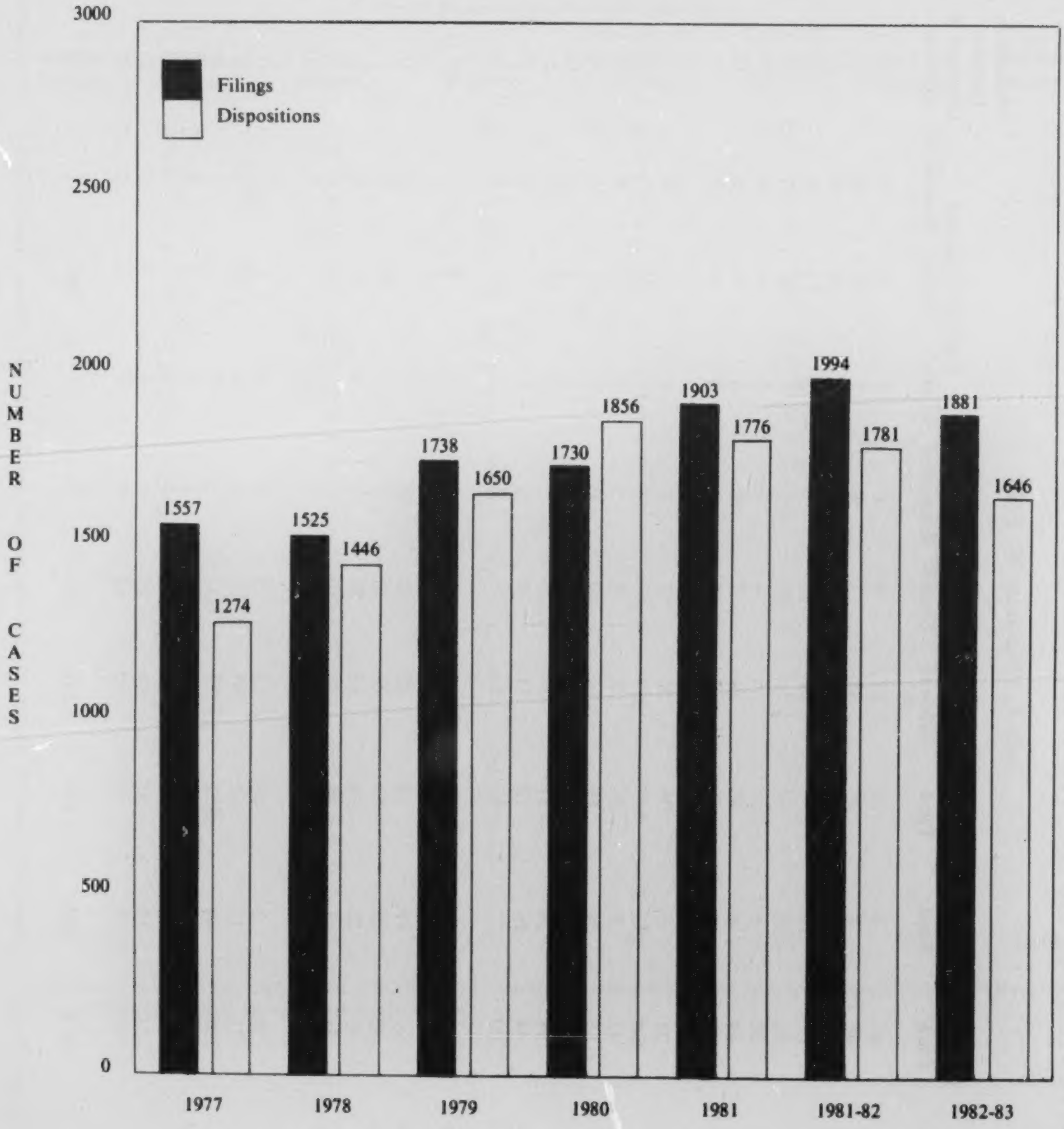
July 1, 1982-June 30, 1983

Judicial Division	Judicial District	Motions Filed	Petitions Filed	Total Filed	Motions Disposed			Petitions Disposed			Motions & Petitions Disposed in Opinion	Total Disposed
					Allowed	Denied	Remanded	Allowed	Denied	Remanded		
I	1	43	9	52	27	8	0	1	8	0	1	45
	2	48	8	56	38	7	0	2	6	0	0	53
	3	66	16	82	54	15	0	3	13	0	0	85
	4	81	18	99	66	19	0	5	11	0	0	101
	5	65	29	94	51	29	0	3	25	0	0	108
	6	10	6	16	6	4	0	0	6	0	0	16
	7	34	6	40	24	7	0	0	6	0	0	37
	8	40	17	57	27	12	0	2	14	0	0	55
II	9	21	5	26	20	2	0	1	3	0	0	26
	10	284	73	357	214	67	0	15	56	0	0	352
	11	43	8	51	35	8	0	0	9	0	0	52
	12	65	24	89	52	19	0	2	21	0	0	94
	13	26	6	32	23	6	0	1	4	0	0	34
	14	55	26	81	30	26	1	3	21	0	0	81
	15A/B*	54	16	70	41	17	0	1	15	0	0	74
	16	70	22	92	53	23	0	5	15	0	0	96
III	17A/B*	17	12	29	9	10	0	2	8	0	0	29
	18	70	19	89	48	16	1	2	17	1	0	85
	19A/B*	19	16	35	12	10	0	1	13	0	0	36
	20	35	18	53	27	10	0	1	15	0	0	53
	21	92	26	118	57	29	0	2	21	0	0	109
	22	34	11	45	23	10	0	1	10	0	0	44
	23	31	2	33	28	4	0	0	2	0	0	34
IV	24	18	3	21	13	5	0	0	3	0	0	21
	25	72	12	84	45	21	0	4	10	0	0	80
	26	122	30	152	95	32	0	3	25	0	0	155
	27A/B*	49	15	64	38	17	0	6	9	0	0	70
	28	37	10	47	28	8	0	2	7	0	0	45
	29	54	13	67	30	17	0	3	9	0	0	59
	30	18	7	25	7	10	0	2	4	0	0	23
Totals		**1,673**	**483**	**2,156**	**1,221**	**468**	**2**	**73**	**386**	**1**	**1**	**2,157**

*Combined totals for Districts 15A and 15B, Districts 17A and 17B, Districts 19A and 19B, and Districts 27A and 27B are shown. Separate figures for these districts were not available.

FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

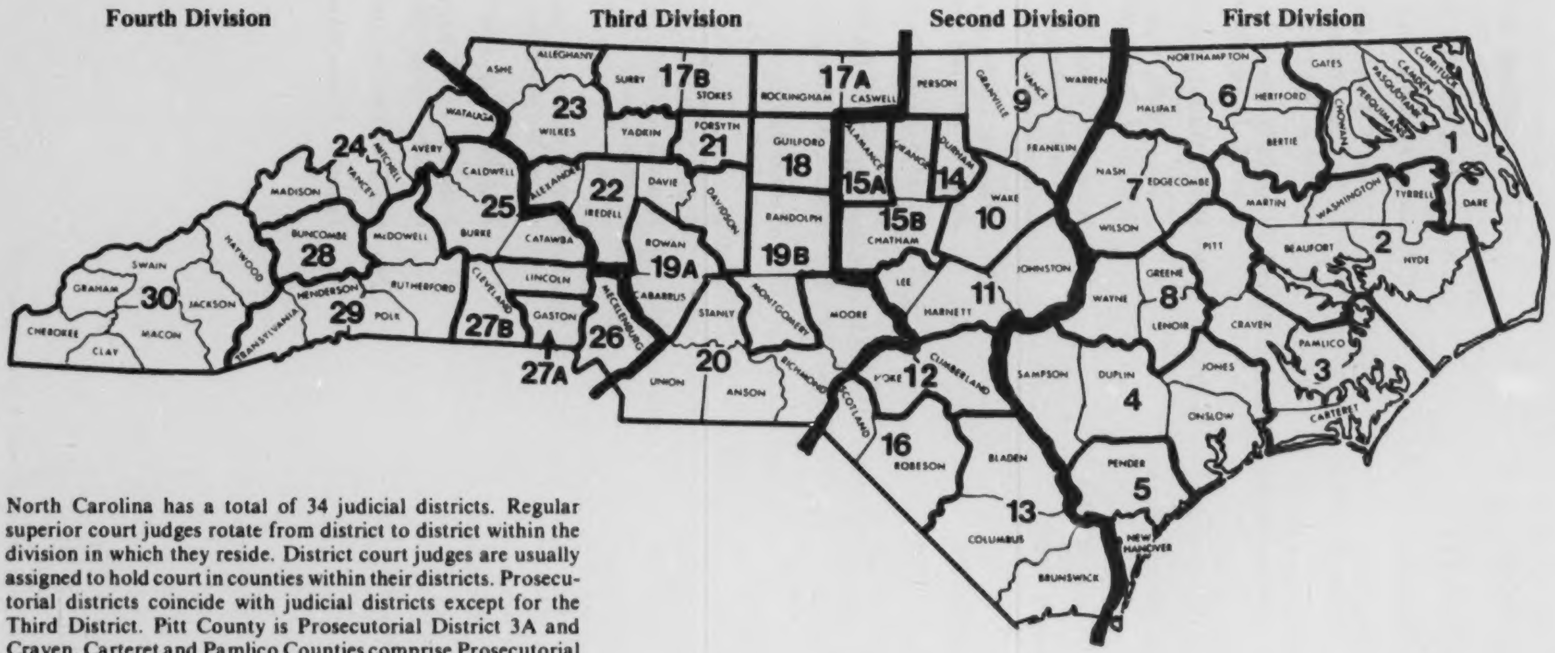
1977-1983



Filings and dispositions in this graph include appealed cases and petitions (not motions) in the Court of Appeals. During 1982-83, filings exceeded dispositions by 235, the largest difference since 1977.

THE PRESENT COURT SYSTEM

North Carolina Judicial Districts and Divisions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SCOTLAND
RICHMOND
MOORE
MONTGOMERY
ANSON
UNION
STANLY
CABARRUS
ROWAN
DAVIDSON
RANDOLPH
GUILFORD
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MADISON
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MITCHELL
AVERY
McDOWELL
HAYWOOD
JACKSON
SWAIN
MACON
GRAHAM
CHEROKEE
CLAY

North Carolina has a total of 34 judicial districts. Regular superior court judges rotate from district to district within the division in which they reside. District court judges are usually assigned to hold court in counties within their districts. Prosecutorial districts coincide with judicial districts except for the Third District. Pitt County is Prosecutorial District 3A and Craven, Carteret and Pamlico Counties comprise Prosecutorial District 3B. Hence, there are 35 prosecutorial districts but only 34 judicial districts.

JUDGES OF SUPERIOR COURT*
(As of June 30, 1983)

FIRST DIVISION

District	
1	J. Herbert Small, Elizabeth City
2	Elbert S. Peel, Jr., Williamston
3	David E. Reid, Jr., Greenville Herbert O. Phillips, III, Morehead City
4	Henry L. Stevens, III, Kenansville James R. Strickland, Jacksonville
5	Bradford Tillery, Wilmington Napoleon B. Barefoot, Wilmington
6	Richard B. Allsbrook, Roanoke Rapids
7	Franklin R. Brown, Tarboro Charles B. Winberry, Rocky Mount
8	R. Michael Bruce, Mount Olive James D. Llewellyn, Kinston

SECOND DIVISION

9	Robert H. Hobgood, Louisburg
10	James H. Pou Bailey, Raleigh Henry V. Barnett, Jr., Raleigh Robert L. Farmer, Raleigh Edwin S. Preston, Jr., Raleigh
11	Wiley F. Bowen, Dunn
12	Darius B. Herring, Jr., Fayetteville Coy E. Brewer, Jr., Fayetteville Edwin L. Johnson, Fayetteville
13	Giles R. Clark, Elizabethtown
14	Thomas H. Lee, Durham Anthony M. Brannon, Bahama John C. Martin, Durham
15A	D. Marsh McLelland, Burlington
15B	F. Gordon Battle, Chapel Hill
16	Samuel E. Britt, Lumberton

THIRD DIVISION

District	
17A	Melzer A. Morgan, Jr., Wentworth
17B	James M. Long, Pilot Mountain
18	Charles T. Kivett, Greensboro W. Douglas Albright, Greensboro Edward K. Washington, Greensboro
19A	Thomas W. Seay, Jr., Spencer James C. Davis, Concord
19B	Hal H. Walker, Asheboro
20	F. Fetzer Mills, Wadesboro William H. Helms, Wingate
21	William Z. Wood, Winston-Salem Judson D. DeRamus, Jr., Winston-Salem William H. Freeman, Winston-Salem
22	Robert A. Collier, Jr., Statesville Peter W. Hairston, Advance
23	Julius A. Rousseau, Jr., North Wilkesboro

FOURTH DIVISION

24	Ronald W. Howell, Marshall
25	Forrest A. Ferrell, Hickory Claude S. Sitton, Morganton
26	Frank W. Snepp, Jr., Charlotte Robert M. Burroughs, Charlotte Kenneth A. Griffin, Charlotte William T. Grist, Charlotte Chase B. Saunders, Charlotte
27A	Robert W. Kirby, Cherryville Robert E. Gaines, Gastonia
27B	John R. Friday, Lincolnton
28	Robert E. Lewis, Asheville C. Walter Allen, Asheville
29	Hollis M. Owens, Rutherfordton
30	James U. Downs, Franklin

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*In districts with more than one resident judge, the senior resident judge is listed first.

SPECIAL JUDGES OF SUPERIOR COURT

Clarence P. Cornelius, Mooresville
James A. Beatty, Jr., Winston-Salem
Charles C. Lamm, Jr., Boone
Arthur L. Lane, Fayetteville

John B. Lewis, Jr., Farmville
Donald L. Smith, Raleigh
Russell G. Walker, Asheboro
Thomas S. Watts, Elizabeth City

EMERGENCY JUDGES OF SUPERIOR COURT

George M. Fountain, Tarboro
Henry A. McKinnon, Jr., Lumberton

The Conference of Superior Court Judges

(Officers as of June 30, 1983)

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Thomas W. Seay, Jr., Spencer, *President-Elect*

D. Marsh McLelland, Burlington, *Vice President*

James A. Beaty, Jr., Winston-Salem, *Secretary-Treasurer*

J. Herbert Small, Elizabeth City, and Robert E. Gaines, Gastonia, *Additional Executive Committee Members*

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1982-83

The Superior Courts

North Carolina's superior courts are the general jurisdiction trial courts for the state. In 1981-82, there were 60 "resident" superior court judges elected to office in the 34 judicial districts for eight-year-terms by Statewide ballot. In addition, eight "special" superior court judges are appointed by the Governor for four-year terms.

Jurisdiction

The superior court has original jurisdiction in all felony cases and in those misdemeanor cases which originate by grand jury indictment. (Most misdemeanors are tried first in the district court, from which conviction may be appealed to the superior court for trial *de novo* by a jury. No trial by jury is available for criminal cases in district court.) The superior court is the proper court for the trial of civil cases where the amount in controversy exceeds $10,000, and it has jurisdiction over appeals from administrative agencies except the Industrial Commission, certain rulings of the Commissioner of Insurance, the Board of Bar Examiners of the North Carolina State Bar, the Board of State Contract Appeals, and the Property Tax Commission. Appeals from these agencies lie directly to the North Carolina Court of Appeals.[*] Regardless of the amount in controversy, the original civil jurisdiction of the superior court does not include domestic relations cases, which are heard in the district courts, or probate and estates matters and certain special proceedings heard first by the clerk of superior court. Rulings of the clerk are within the appellate jurisdiction of the superior court.

Administration

The 100 counties of North Carolina were grouped into 34 judicial districts during 1982-83. Each district has at least one resident superior court judge who has certain administrative responsibilities for his home district, such as providing for civil case calendaring procedures. (Criminal case calendars are prepared by the district attorneys.) In districts with more than one resident superior court judge, the judge senior in service on the superior court bench exercises these supervisory powers.

The judicial districts are grouped into four divisions for the rotation of superior court judges, as shown on the map on Page 29. Within the division, a resident superior court judge is required to rotate among the judicial districts, holding court for at least six months in each, then moving on to his next assignment. A special superior court judge may be assigned to hold court in any of the 100 counties. Assignments of all superior court judges are made by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Under the Constitution of North Carolina, at least two sessions (a week each) of superior court are held annually in each of the 100 counties. The vast majority of counties have more than the Constitutional minimum of two weeks of superior court annually. Many larger counties have superior court in session about every week in the year.

Expenditures

A total of $10,256,492 was expended on the operations of the superior courts during the 1982-83 fiscal year. This included the salaries and travel expenses for the 68 superior court judges, and salaries and expense for court reporters and secretarial staff for superior court judges. The 1982-83 expenditures for the superior courts amounted to 10.9% of total General Fund expenditures for the operations of the entire Judicial Department during the 1982-83 fiscal year.

Caseload

Including both civil and criminal cases, a total of 85,488 cases were filed in the superior courts during 1982-83, an increase of 917 cases (1.1%) over the total of 84,571 cases that were filed in 1981-82. There was some decrease in civil case filings in the superior courts during 1982-83 compared with the previous year (dropping from 14,964 to 13,894). This decrease is probably due to a statutory amendment, effective July 1, 1982, which provided that the district court division is the *proper* division for the trial of civil actions in which the amount in controversy is $10,000 (formerly $5,000) or less. This change had the effect of shifting some civil cases from the superior courts to the district courts. This small decrease in civil case filings in the superior courts was more than offset by an increase in criminal case filings (from 69,607 in 1981-82 to 71,594 in 1982-83).

Superior court case dispositions increased from 82,165 in 1981-82 to 84,797 in 1982-83. However, the dispositions did not quite equal the number of cases filed. As a result, there was a small increase (1.9%) in the total number of superior court cases pending, from 35,622 at the beginning of the fiscal year to a total of 36,313 on June 30, 1983.

More detailed information on the flow of cases through the superior courts is included in Part IV of this Report.

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[*] An amendment to Article IV, Section 12(1) of the State Constitution was approved by the voters at the June, 1982 election, and effective July 15, 1983, the General Assembly has provided for appeals from the Utilities Commission directly to the Supreme Court. See G.S. 7A-29(b).

DISTRICT COURT JUDGES*
(As of June 30, 1983)

District	
1	John T. Chaffin, Elizabeth City
	Grafton G. Beaman, Elizabeth City
	John R. Parker, Elizabeth City
2	Hallett S. Ward, Washington
	James W. Hardison, Wiliamston
3	Robert D. Wheeler, Grifton
	E. Burt Aycock, Jr., Greenville
	Willie L. Lumpkin, III, Morehead City
	James E. Martin, Bethel
	James E. Regan, Oriental
	H. Horton Roundtree, Greenville
4	Kenneth W. Turner, Rose Hill
	E. Alex Erwin, III, Jacksonville
	Walter P. Henderson, Trenton
	James N. Martin, Clinton
	Stephen M. Williamson, Kenansville
5	Gilbert H. Burnett, Wilmington
	Carter T. Lambeth, Wilmington
	Jacqueline Morris-Goodson, Wilmington
	Charles H. Rice, III, Wilmington
6	Nicholas Long, Roanoke Rapids
	Harold P. McCoy, Scotland Neck
	Robert E. Williford, Lewiston
7	George Britt, Tarboro
	James E. Ezzell, Rocky Mount
	Allen W. Harrell, Wilson
	Albert S. Thomas, Jr., Wilson
8	J. Patrick Exum, Kinston
	Kenneth R. Ellis, Fremont
	Rodney R. Goodman, Kinston
	Arnold O. Jones, Goldsboro
	Paul M. Wright, Goldsboro
9	Claude W. Allen, Jr., Oxford
	Ben U. Allen, Jr., Henderson
	J. Larry Senter, Franklinton
	Charles W. Wilkinson, Oxford
10	George F. Bason, Raleigh
	Stafford G. Bullock, Raleigh
	Narley L. Cashwell, Raleigh
	William A. Creech, Raleigh
	George R. Greene, Raleigh
	Louis W. Payne, Jr., Raleigh
	Philip O. Redwine, Raleigh
	Russell G. Sherrill, III, Raleigh
11	Elton C. Pridgen, Smithfield
	William Christian, Sanford
	K. Edward Greene, Dunn
	W. Pope Lyon, Smithfield
12	Sol. G. Cherry, Fayetteville
	Joseph E. Dupree, Raeford
	Charles Lee Guy, Fayetteville
	Lacy S. Hair, Fayetteville
	Anna E. Keever, Fayetteville
13	William E. Wood, Whiteville
	William C. Gore, Jr., Whiteville
	Roy D. Trest, Shallotte
14	J. Milton Read, Jr., Durham
	Karen B. Galloway, Durham
	David Q. LaBarre, Durham
	William G. Pearson, II, Durham
15A	J. B. Allen, Jr., Burlington
	W. S. Harris, Jr., Graham
	James K. Washburn, Burlington
15B	Stanley Peele, Chapel Hill
	Patricia S. Hunt, Hillsborough
	Donald L. Paschal, Siler City
16	John S. Gardner, Lumberton
	B. Craig Ellis, Laurinburg
	Charles G. McLean, Lumberton
	Herbert L. Richardson, Lumberton
17A	Peter M. McHugh, Reidsville
	Robert R. Blackwell, Yanceyville
17B	Foy Clark, Mount Airy
	Jerry Cash Martin, Mount Airy
18	Robert L. Cecil, High Point
	Robert Bencini, Jr., High Point
	William L. Daisy, Greensboro
	Thomas G. Foster, Jr., Greensboro
	William K. Hunter, High Point
	Joseph R. John, Greensboro
	Edmund Lowe, High Point
	John F. Yeattes, Jr., Greensboro
19A	Robert L. Warren, Concord
	Adam C. Grant, Jr., Concord
	Clarence E. Horton, Jr., Kannapolis
	Frank M. Montgomery, Salisbury

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*The Chief District Court Judge for each district is listed first.

DISTRICT COURT JUDGES*
(As of June 30, 1983)

District	
19B	L.T. Hammond, Jr., Asheboro William M. Neely, Asheboro
20	Donald R. Huffman, Wadesboro Michael E. Beale, Southern Pines Ronald W. Burris, Albemarle Kenneth W. Honneycutt, Monroe Walter M. Lampley, Rockingham
21	Abner Alexander, Winston-Salem Joseph J. Gatto, Winston-Salem James A. Harrill, Jr., Winston-Salem Robert Kason Keiger, Winston-Salem David R. Tanis, Winston-Salem
22	Lester P. Martin, Jr., Mocksville Samuel A. Cathey, Statesville George T. Fuller, Lexington Robert W. Johnson, Statesville
23	Samuel T. Osborne, Wilkesboro Max F. Ferree, Wilkesboro Edgar B. Gregory, Wilkesboro
24	Robert H. Lacey, Newland Charles P. Ginn, Boone R. Alexander Lyerly, Banner Elk
25	Livingston Vernon, Morganton Edward J. Crotty, Hickory Robert A. Mullinax, Newton L. Oliver Noble, Jr., Hickory Samuel McD. Tate, Morganton
26	James E. Lanning, Charlotte L. Stanley Brown, Charlotte Daphene L. Cantrell, Charlotte Resa L. Harris, Charlotte Robert P. Johnston, Charlotte William G. Jones, Charlotte Theodore P. Matus, II, Charlotte William H. Scarborough, Charlotte W. Terry Sherrill, Charlotte T. Michael Todd, Charlotte
27A	Lewis Bulwinkle, Gastonia Berlin H. Carpenter, Jr., Gastonia J. Ralph Phillips, Gastonia Donald E. Ramseur, Gastonia
27B	George W. Hamrick, Shelby James T. Bowen, Lincolnton
28	William Marion Styles, Black Mountain Earl J. Fowler, Jr., Arden Robert L. Harrell, Asheville Peter L. Roda, Asheville
29	Robert T. Gash, Brevard Loto J. Greenlee, Marion Zoro J. Guice, Jr., Hendersonville Thomas N. Hix, Hendersonville
30	Robert Leatherwood, III, Bryson City J. Charles McDarris, Waynesville John J. Snow, Jr., Murphy

The Association of District Court Judges
(Officers as of June 30, 1983)

J. B. Allen, Jr., Burlington, *President*

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E. Burt Aycock, Jr., Greenville, *Secretary-Treasurer*

George M. Britt, Tarboro
William G. Pearson, II, Durham
L. T. Hammond, Jr., Asheboro
Earl J. Fowler, Jr., Arden
Additional Executive Committee Members

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ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1982-83

The District Courts

North Carolina's district courts are trial courts with original jurisdiction of the overwhelming majority of the cases handled by the State's court system. There were 142 district court judges serving in 34 judicial districts during 1982-83. These judges are elected to four-year terms by the voters of their respective districts.

A total of 611 magistrate positions were authorized as of June 30, 1983. Of this number, about 100 positions were specified as part-time. Magistrates are appointed by the senior resident superior court judge from nominations submitted by the clerk of superior court of their county, and they are supervised by the chief district court judge of their district.

Jurisdiction

The jurisdiction of the district court extends to virtually all misdemeanor cases, probable cause hearings in most felony cases, all juvenile proceedings, involuntary commitments and recommitments to mental hospitals, and domestic relations cases. The district courts have concurrent jurisdiction with the superior courts in general civil cases, but the district courts are the proper courts for the trial of civil cases where the amount in controversy is $10,000 or less. Upon the plaintiff's request, a civil case in which the amount in controversy is $1,000 or less, may be designated a "small claims" case and assigned by the chief district court judge to a magistrate for hearing. Magistrates are empowered to try worthless check criminal cases when the value of the check does not exceed $500. In addition, they may accept written appearances, waivers of trial, and pleas of guilty in such worthless check cases when the amount of the check is $500 or less, the offender has made restitution, and the offender has fewer than four previous worthless check convictions. Magistrates may accept waviers of appearance and pleas of guilty in traffic cases, and in boating, hunting and fishing violation cases,* for which a uniform schedule of fines has been adopted by the Conference of Chief District Judges. Magistrates also conduct initial hearings to fix conditions of release for arrested defendants, and they are empowered to issue arrest and search warrants.

Administration

A chief district judge is appointed for each judicial district by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court from among the elected judges in the respective districts. Subject to the Chief Justice's general supervision, each chief judge exercises administrative supervision and authority over the operation of the district courts and magistrates in his district. Each chief judge is responsible for: scheduling sessions of district court and assigning judges; supervising the calendaring of noncriminal cases; assigning matters to magistrates; making arrangements for court reporting and jury trials in civil cases; and supervising the discharge of clerical functions in the district courts.

The chief district court judges meet in conference at least once a year upon the call of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Among other matters, this annual conference adopts a uniform schedule of traffic offenses and fines for their violation for use by magistrates and clerks of court in accepting defendants' waivers of appearance and guilty pleas.

The Conference of Chief District Court Judges
(Officers as of June 30, 1983)

Robert T. Gash, Brevard, *Chairman*

Lester P. Martin, Jr., Mocksville, *Vice Chairman*

Expenditures

Total expenditures for the operation of the district courts in 1982-83 amounted to $18,119,464. This is an increase of 6.4% over 1981-82 expenditures of $17,022,936. Included in this total are the personnel costs of court reporters and secretaries as well as the personnel costs of the 142 district court judges and approximately 600 magistrates. The 1982-83 total is 19.2% of the General Fund expenditures for the operation of the entire Judicial Department, the same percentage share of total Judicial Department expenditures that the district courts took for the 1981-82 fiscal year.

Caseload

During 1982-83 the statewide total of district court filings (civil and criminal) increased 24,262 (1.7%) over the total number reported for 1981-82. Not including juvenile proceedings and mental hospital commitment hearings, the filing total in 1982-83 was 1,445,571. The motor vehicle criminal case category registered the most significant increase, 51,270 cases (7.6%) more than the number of motor vehicle criminal cases in 1981-82. There were relatively small decreases in the filing totals for the general civil, civil magistrate, and non-motor vehicle criminal case categories compared with such totals for 1981-82. The overall trend in *total* district court case filings has been upward during the past several years even though fluctuating increases or decreases may be shown in the individual case categories.

More detailed information on district court civil and criminal caseloads and on juvenile case activity is contained in Part IV of this *Report*.

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*Chapter 586, 1983 Session Laws; the uniform schedule of fines adopted by Chief District Judges becomes effective July 1, 1984.

DISTRICT ATTORNEYS
(As of June 30, 1983)

District	
1	H. P. WILLIAMS, JR., Elizabeth City
2	WILLIAM C. GRIFFIN, JR., Williamston
3A	THOMAS D. HAIGWOOD, Greenville
3B	WILLIAM D. McFADYEN, New Bern
4	WILLIAM H. ANDREWS, Jacksonville
5	JERRY L. SPIVEY, Wilmington
6	DAVID H. BEARD, JR., Murfreesboro
7	HOWARD S. BONEY, JR., Tarboro
8	DONALD JACOBS, Goldsboro
9	DAVID R. WATERS, Oxford
10	J. RANDOLPH RILEY, Raleigh
11	JOHN W. TWISDALE, Smithfield
12	EDWARD W. GRANNIS, JR., Fayetteville
13	MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Whiteville
14	RONALD L. STEPHENS, Durham
15A	GEORGE E. HUNT, Graham
15B	WADE BARBER, JR., Pittsboro
16	JOE FREEMAN BRITT, Lumberton
17A	PHILIP W. ALLEN, Wentworth
17B	HAROLD D. BOWMAN, Dobson
18	D. LAMAR DOWDA, Greensboro
19A	JAMES F. ROBERTS, Concord
19B	GARLAND N. YATES, Asheboro
20	CARROLL LOWDER, Monroe
21	DONALD K. TISDALE, Winston-Salem
22	H. W. ZIMMERMAN, JR., Lexington
23	MICHAEL A. ASHBURN, North Wilkesboro
24	JAMES THOMAS RUSHER, Marshall
25	ROBERT E. THOMAS, Hickory
26	PETER S. GILCHRIST, Charlotte
27A	JOSEPH G. BROWN, Gastonia
27B	W. HAMPTON CHILDS, JR., Lincolnton
28	RONALD C. BROWN, Asheville
29	ALAN C. LEONARD, Rutherfordton
30	MARCELLUS BUCHANAN, III, Sylva

The District Attorneys Association
(Officers as of June 30, 1983)

Randolph Riley, Raleigh, *President*

Ronald C. Brown, Asheville, *Vice President*

William H. Andrews, Jacksonville, *Vice President for Legislative Affairs*

John Smith, Wilmington, *Secretary-Treasurer*

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1982-83

The District Attorneys

The State is divided into 35 prosecutorial districts which, with one exception, correspond to the 34 judicial districts. By act of the 1981 Session of the General Assembly, the 3rd Judicial District was divided into two separate prosecutorial districts, Prosecutorial Districts 3A and 3B, effective October 1, 1981. Prosecutorial District 3A consists of Pitt County, and Prosecutorial District 3B is comprised of Craven, Carteret, and Pamlico (G.S. 7A-60). A district attorney is elected by the voters in each of the 35 districts for four-year terms.

Duties

The district attorney represents the State in all criminal actions brought in the superior and district courts in his district. In addition to his prosecutorial functions, the district attorney is responsible for calendaring criminal cases for trial.

Resources

Each district attorney may employ on a full-time basis the number of assistant district attorneys authorized by statute for his district. As of June 30, 1983, a total of 213 assistant district attorneys were authorized for the 35 prosecutorial districts. The district attorney of District 26 (Mecklenburg County) had the largest staff (19 assistants) and the district attorney of District 17B and District 24 had the smallest staff (two assistants).

Each district attorney is authorized to employ an administrative assistant to aid in preparing cases for trial and to expedite the criminal court docket. The district attorney in 18 of the 35 districts is authorized to employ an investigatorial assistant who aids in the investigation of cases prior to trial, and in 10 districts, the district attorney is authorized to employ a witness coordinator.

1982-83 Caseload

A total of 71,594 criminal cases were filed in the superior courts during 1982-83, consisting of 43,708 felony cases and 27,886 misdemeanor appeals from the district courts. The total number of filings in the superior courts (felonies and misdemeanor appeals) in the previous year was 69,607. The increase of 1,987 cases in 1982-83 represents a 2.9% increase over the 1981-82 total.

Total criminal cases disposed of by the superior courts in 1982-83 equalled 70,120. There were 42,966 felony dispositions; the number of misdemeanor appeals disposed of was 27,154. Compared with 1981-82, total criminal case dispositions increased by 2,937 cases over the 67,183 cases disposed of in that fiscal year. The median ages of 1982-83 criminal cases at disposition in the superior courts were 81 days for felony cases and 66 days for misdemeanor appeals. In 1981-82, the median age of felony cases at disposition was 73 days, and the median age at disposition for misdemeanor appeals was 62 days.

Dispositions by jury trial in the superior courts, for felonies and misdemeanors, totalled 3,999 cases, or 5.7% of total criminal case dispositions in the superior courts. This was a decrease from jury dispositions of 3,793 (5.6% of total dispositions) during the 1981-82 year. As is evident, a very small proportion of all criminal cases utilize the great proportion of superior court time and resources required to handle the criminal caseload.

By contrast, in 1982-83 a majority of criminal case dispositions in superior courts (38,012 or 54.2%) were processed on submission of guilty pleas, not requiring a trial. This was virtually the same percentage of guilty plea dispositions as was reported for 1981-82.

"Dismissal by district attorney" accounted for a significant percentage of all dispositions during 1982-83: a total of 19,753 cases, or 28.2% of all dispositions. This proportion is comparable to that recorded for prior years. Many of the dismissals involved the situation of two or more cases pending against the same defendant, resulting in a plea bargain agreement where the defendant pleads guilty to some charges in exchange for a dismissal of others.

There was an increase in the number of speedy trial dismissals in superior courts, from 63 cases in 1981-82 to 92 cases in 1982-83.

The total number of criminal cases disposed of in the superior courts was 1,474 cases less than the total number of cases filed in 1982-83. Consequently, the number of pending criminal cases in superior court increased from 20,204 at the beginning of the fiscal year to a total at year's end of 21,678, an increase of 7.3%.

The median age of *pending* felony cases dropped from 83 days in 1981-82 to 80 days during 1982-83. A similar decrease was recorded for misdemeanor appeals where the median age of cases dropped from 69 days in 1981-82 to 66 days in 1982-83.

In the district courts, a total of 1,129,032 criminal cases were filed during 1982-83. This total consisted of 728,517 motor vehicle criminal cases and 400,515 non-motor vehicle criminal cases. A comparison of total filings in 1982-83 with total filings (1,095,423) in 1981-82 reveals an increase in district court criminal filing activity of 33,609 cases or 3.1%. The increase in motor vehicle criminal case filings was responsible for all of this increase. Filings in the motor vehicle case category rose by 51,270 cases, from 677,247 cases in 1981-82 to 728,517 cases in 1982-83, an increase of 7.6%.

As motor vehicle criminal case filings rose in 1982-83, filings in the non-motor vehicle criminal case category fell by 17,661 cases (4.2%) from a total of 418,176 in 1981-82 to 400,515 in 1982-83.

Total dispositions during 1982-83 in the motor vehicle criminal case category amounted to 716,040 cases. As in prior years, a substantial portion (399,265 cases or 55.8%) was disposed of by waiver of appearance and entry of plea of guilty before a clerk or magistrate. This substantial number of criminal cases did not, of course, require action by the district attorneys' offices and should not be regarded as having been a part of the district attorneys' "caseload." The remaining 316,775 motor vehicle cases were disposed of by means other than a waiver. This balance was 14,253 cases, or 4.7% more than the 302,522 such dispositions in 1981-82. (Due to a change in statistical reporting procedures, the clerks of court no longer report motor vehicle criminal cases by case file number to the Administrative Office of the Courts. Only summary total numbers of filings and dispositions are reported weekly. Therefore, it is not possible by computer-processing to obtain pending case data for the motor vehicle criminal case category.)

With respect to non-motor vehicle criminal case dispositions, a total of 397,420 such cases were disposed of in 1982-83. As with superior court criminal cases, the most frequent method of disposition was by entry of guilty plea; the next most frequent was dismissal by the district attorney. Some 150,732 cases, or 38.0%, of the dispositions were by guilty pleas. An additional 92,732 cases, or 23.3%, of the total were disposed of by prosecutor dismissal. Only two case dispositions were by speedy trial dismissals, compared with eight such dispositions in 1981-82. The remaining cases were disposed of by waiver (12.8%), trial (10.7%), or by other means (15.2%).

During 1982-83, the median age at disposition of non-motor vehicle criminal cases was 24 days, compared with 22 days at disposition in 1981-82.

Total non-motor vehicle criminal dispositions were 3,095 cases less than total filings for the year. The number of non-motor vehicle criminal cases pending at year's end was 67,970, compared with a total of 64,680 at the beginning of the year, an increase of 4.8% in the number of pending cases. The median age for pending non-motor vehicle cases dropped from 61 days in 1981-82 to 59 days in 1982-83.

Additional information on the criminal caseloads in superior and district courts is included in Part IV of this *Report*.

CLERKS OF SUPERIOR COURT
(As of June 30, 1983)

COUNTY	CLERK OF COURT	COUNTY	CLERK OF COURT
Alamance	Louise B. Wilson	Johnston	Will R. Crocker
Alexander	Seth Chapman	Jones	Ronald H. Metts
Alleghany	Joan B. Atwood	Lee	Sion H. Kelly
Anson	R. Frank Hightower	Lenoir	M.E. Creech
Ashe	Virginia W. Johnson	Lincoln	Nellie L. Bess
Avery	Billy J. Vance	Macon	Lois S. Morris
Beaufort	Thomas S. Payne, III	Madison	James W. Cody
Bertie	Thomas S. Speight	Martin	Mary K. Wynne
Bladen	Hilda H. Coleman	McDowell	Ruth B. Williams
Brunswick	K. Gregory Bellamy	Mecklenburg	Robert M. Blackburn
Buncombe	J. Ray Elingburg	Mitchell	Arthur Ray Ledford
Burke	Major A. Joines	Montgomery	Charles M. Johnson
Cabarrus	Estus B. White	Moore	Rachel H. Comer
Caldwell	Jeanette Turner	Nash	Rachel M. Joyner
Camden	Catherine W. McCoy	New Hanover	Louise D. Rehder
Carteret	Mary Austin	Northampton	R. Jennings White, Jr.
Caswell	Janet H. Cobb	Onslow	Everitte Barbee
Catawba	Eunice W. Mauney	Orange	Frank S. Frederick
Chatham	Janice Oldham	Pamlico	Mary Jo Potter
Cherokee	Rose Mary Crooke	Pasquotank	Frances W. Thompson
Chowan	Lena M. Leary	Pender	Frances N. Futch
Clay	R. L. Cherry	Perquimans	W.J. Ward
Cleveland	Ruth S. Dedmon	Person	W. Thomas Humphries
Columbus	Lacy R. Thompson	Pitt	Sandra Gaskins
Craven	Dorothy Pate	Polk	Judy P. Arledge
Cumberland	George T. Griffin	Randolph	John H. Skeen
Currituck	Wiley B. Elliot	Richmond	Miriam F. Greene
Dare	Betty Mann	Robeson	Dixie I. Barrington
Davidson	Hugh Shepherd	Rockingham	Frankie C. Williams
Davie	Delores C. Jordan	Rowan	Francis Glover
Duplin	John A. Johnson	Rutherford	Joan M. Jenkins
Durham	James Leo Carr	Sampson	Charlie T. McCullen
Edgecombe	Curtis Weaver	Scotland	C. Whitfield Gibson, Jr.
Forsyth	A.E. Blackburn	Stanly	David R. Fisher
Franklin	Ralph S. Knott	Stokes	Pauline Kirkman
Gaston	Betty B. Jenkins	Surry	David J. Beal
Gates	Cheryl Holland	Swain	Sara Robinson
Graham	O.W. Hooper, Jr.	Transylvania	Marian M. McMahon
Granville	Mary Ruth C. Nelms	Tyrrell	Jessie L. Spencer
Greene	Cleo W. McKeel	Union	Nola H. McCollum
Guilford	James Lee Knight	Vance	Mary Lou M. Barnett
Halifax	Ellen C. Neathery	Wake	J. Russell Nipper
Harnett	Georgia Lee Brown	Warren	Richard E. Hunter, Jr.
Haywood	William G. Henry	Washington	Timothy L. Spear
Henderson	Thomas H. Thompson	Watauga	John T. Bingham
Hertford	Richard T. Vann	Wayne	Shelton Jordan
Hoke	Juanita Edmund	Wilkes	Wayne Roope
Hyde	Lenora R. Bright	Wilson	William G. Stewart
Iredell	Carl G. Smith	Yadkin	Harold J. Long
Jackson	Frank Watson, Jr.	Yancey	Arnold E. Higgins

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1982-83

The Clerks of Superior Court

A Clerk of Superior Court is elected for a four-year term by the voters in each of North Carolina's 100 counties. The Clerk has jurisdiction to hear and decide special proceedings and is, *ex officio*, judge of probate, in addition to performing record-keeping and administrative functions for both the superior and district courts of his county.

Jurisdiction

The original jurisdiction of the clerk of superior court includes the probate of wills and administration of decedents' estates. It also includes such "special proceedings" as adoptions, condemnations of private property under the public's right of eminent domain, proceedings to establish boundaries, foreclosures, and certain proceedings to administer the estates of minors and incompetent adults. The right of appeal from the clerks' judgments in such cases lies to the superior court.

The clerk of superior court is also empowered to issue search warrants and arrest warrants, subpoenas, and other process necessary to execute the judgments entered in the superior and district courts of his county. For certain misdemeanor criminal offenses, the clerk is authorized to accept defendants' wavier of appearance and plea of guilty and to impose a fine in accordance with a schedule established by the Conference of Chief District Court Judges.

Administration

The clerk of superior court performs administrative duties for both the superior and district courts of his county. Among these duties are the maintenance of court records and indexes, the control and accounting of funds, and the furnishing of information to the Administrative Office of the Courts.

In most counties, the clerk continues to perform certain functions related to preparation of civil case calendars, and in many counties, the clerk's staff assists the district attorney in preparing criminal case calendars as well. Policy and oversight responsibility for civil case calendaring is vested in the State's senior resident superior court judges and chief district court judges. However, day-to-day civil calendar preparation is the clerk's responsibility in all districts except those served by trial court administrators.

Expenditures

A total of $27,804,593 was expended in 1982-83 for the operation of the 100 clerk of superior court offices. In addition to the salaries and other expenses of the clerks and their staffs, this total includes expenditures for jurors' fees, and witness expenses.

Total expenditures for clerks' offices in 1982-83 amounted to 29.5% of the General Fund expenditures for the operations of the entire Judicial Department.

1982-83 Caseload

During 1982-83, estate case filings totalled 39,188. This was an increase of 3.6% over the 37,838 cases filed in 1981-82. Estate case dispositions totalled 38,110 cases in 1982-83, or 3.9% more than the previous year's total of 36,691. Filings in 1982-83 exceeded dispositions by 1,078 cases. This produced an increase of the same amount in the number of estate cases pending at the end of the year.

A total of 31,835 special proceedings were filed before the 100 clerks of superior court in 1982-83. This is an increase of 162 cases (0.5%) over the 31,673 filings in the previous fiscal year. During the year, total special proceedings dispositions amounted to 32,003 cases, with a resulting decrease in the number of cases pending of 0.8%, from 22,380 on June 30, 1982 to 22,212 as of June 30, 1983.

The clerks of superior court are also responsible for handling the records of all case filings and dispositions in the superior and district courts. The total number of superior court case filings during the 1982-83 year was 85,488, and the total number of district court filings, not including juvenile proceedings and mental hospital commitment hearings, was 1,445,571.

More detailed information on the estates and special proceedings caseloads is included in Part IV of this *Report*.

Association of Clerks of Superior Court
(Officers as of June 30, 1983)

George T. Griffin, Cumberland County,
President

Nola H. McCollum, Union County,
First Vice President

Major Joines, Burke County
Second Vice President

David J. Beal, Surry County
Secretary
John Johnson, Duplin County
Treasurer

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1982-83

Juvenile Services Division

The Juvenile Services Division of the Administrative Office of the Courts provides intake, probation and aftercare services to juveniles who are before the District Courts for delinquent matters, *i.e.*, violations of the criminal code, including motor vehicle violations; and for undisciplined matters, such as running away from home, being truant, and being beyond the parents' disciplinary control.

Intake is the screening of complaints alleging delinquent or undisciplined behavior by children, to determine whether petitions should be filed. During the 1982-83 year a total of 18,520 complaints were brought to the attention of intake counselors. Of this number, 11,137 (60%) were approved for filing, and 7,383 (40%) were not approved for filing.

Probation and aftercare refer to supervision of children in their own communities. Probation is authorized by judicial order. Aftercare service is provided for juveniles after their release from a training school. (Protective supervision is also a form of court-ordered supervision within the community; and this service is combined with probation and aftercare.)

In 1982-83 a total of 10,591 juveniles were supervised in the probation and aftercare program.

Expenditures

The Juvenile Services Division is primarily State-funded. The expenditures for fiscal year 1982-83 totaled $7,464,930, including $46,182 from a federal grant. This was an increase of 6% over the 1981-82 expenditures. The 1982-83 expenditures amounted to 7.9% of all General Fund expenditures for the operation of the entire Judicial Department, the same percentage share of total Judicial Department expenditures for the Division as in the previous fiscal year.

Administration

The Administrator of the Juvenile Services Division is appointed by the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts. A chief court counselor is appointed for each judicial district by the Administrator of the Juvenile Services Division, with the approval of the Chief District Court Judge and the Administrative Officer of the Courts. Subject to the Administrator's general supervision, each chief court counselor exercises administrative supervision over the operation of the court counseling services in the respective districts.

Juvenile Services Division Staff
(As of June 30, 1983)

Thomas A. Danek, *Administrator*

Edward F. Taylor, *Assistant Administrator*

John T. Wilson, *Program Supervisor*

Sharon P. Worthington, *Education Coordinator*

Juvenile Services Division
(As of June 30, 1983)

Judicial District	Chief Court Counselors	Judicial District	Chief Court Counselors
1	Robert Hendrix	16	Robert Hughes
2	Charles Hough	17A and 17B	Martha Lauten
3	Eve C. Rogers	18	J. Manley Dodson
4	Ida Ray Miles	19A and 19B	James Queen
5	William T. Childs	20	Jimmy Craig
6	John R. Brady	21	James J. Weakland
7	Nancy C. Patteson	22	Carl T. Duncan
8	Harold Hinnant	23	Rex Yates
9	Tommy Lewis	24	Lynn Hughes
10	Steven J. Williams	25	Lee Cox
11	Henry C. Cox	26	James Yancey
12	Phil T. Utley	27A	Yvonne Hall
13	Jimmy Godwin	27B	Gloria Newman
14	Fred Elkins	28	Louis Parrish
15A	Harry Derr	29	Kenneth Lanning
15B	Harold Rogerson	30	Betty G. Alley

THE COURT COUNSELORS ASSOCIATION
(Officers for 1982-83)

Executive Committee Members

J. Manley Dodson, *President*

John A. Auten, Jr., *President-elect*

Pat Jackson, *Secretary*

Bill Fishel, *Treasurer*

Harold Rogerson, *Parliamentarian*

Board Members

1982-83	1982-84	1982-85
Betty Gene Alley	Jimmy Moore	John Brady
Edward Taylor	Eleanor P. Causey	Mark Vinson
Jo Lammonds	Pam Honeycutt	Horace Walser

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1982-83

Public Defenders

During 1982-83, there were six public defender offices in North Carolina, serving Judicial Districts 3, 12, 18, 26, 27A, and 28. (By statute, a public defender office was established in District 15B, for Orange and Chatham Counties, in June, 1983, but this office was not operational until July, 1983.) The public defender for District 28 is appointed by the senior resident superior court judge from recommendations submitted by the district bar; for other districts, the appointment is by the Governor from recommendations of the respective district bars. Their terms are four years. Each public defender is by statute provided a minimum of one full-time assistant public defender and additional full-time or part-time assistants as may be authorized by the Administrative Office of the Courts.

Entitlement of Indigents to Counsel

A person is determined to be indigent if he is found "financially unable to secure legal representation." He is entitled to State-paid legal representation in: any proceeding which may result in (or which seeks relief from) confinement; a fine of $500 or more; or extradition to another State; a proceeding alleging mental illness or incapacity which may result in hospitalization, sterilization, or the loss of certain property rights; and juvenile proceedings which may result in confinement, transfer to superior court for a felony trial, or termination of parental rights.

Most of the cases of State-paid representation of indigents in the districts with public defenders are handled by the public defender's office. However, the court may in certain circumstances—such as existence of a potential conflict of interest—assign private counsel to represent an indigent defendant. In the other 28 districts, the assigned private counsel system was the only one used.

Expenditures

A total of $2,219,766 was expended for the operation of the six public defenders' offices during 1982-83. This was an increase of $104,559 (4.9%) over the 1981-82 total of $2,115,207.

1982-83 Caseload

The six public defender offices represented a total of 16,403 defendents during 1982-83. This was an increase of 1,206 defendants, or 7.9%, over the 15,197 defendants represented during 1981-82.

Additional information concerning the operation of these offices is found in Part III of this *Annual Report*.

PUBLIC DEFENDERS
(As of June 30, 1983)*

District 3
  Donald C. Hicks, III, Greenville

District 12
  Mary Ann Tally, Fayetteville

District 18
  Wallace G. Harrelson, Greensboro

District 26
  Fritz Y. Mercer, Jr., Charlotte

District 27A
  Curtis O. Harris, Gastonia

District 28
  J. Robert Hufstader, Asheville

*Note: John Kirk Osborn took office as Public Defender for District 15B on July 1, 1983.

The Association of Public Defenders
(Officers as of June 30, 1983)

Adam Stein, *President*

Donald Hicks, III, *Vice President*

Steve Ward, *Secretary-Treasurer*

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1982-83

The Office of the Appellate Defender

(Staff as of June 30, 1983)

Adam Stein, *Appellate Defender*

Assistant Appellate Defenders

Nora Elizabeth B. Henry
Malcolm R. Hunter, Jr.
Lorinzo L. Joyner
Ann B. Petersen
Marc D. Towler

The Appellate Defender Office began operation as a State-funded program on October 1, 1981. (Prior to that date, appellate defender services were funded by a one-year federal grant.) In accord with the assignments made by trial court judges, it is the responsibility of the Appellate Defender and his staff to provide criminal defense appellate services to indigent persons who are appealing their convictions to either the Supreme Court or the Court of Appeals.

The Appellate Defender is appointed by the Governor for a term of four years, but in carrying out his duties he is under the general supervision of the Chief Justice. The Chief Justice may, consistent with the resources available to the Appellate Defender and to insure quality criminal defense services, authorize certain appeals to be assigned to a local public defender office or to private assigned counsel instead of to the Appellate Defender.

1982-83 Caseload

As of July 1, 1982, the Appellate Defender had 43 cases pending in the North Carolina Supreme Court. During the 1982-83 year, a total of 45 additional appeals to the Supreme Court were assigned to the Appellate Defender's Office, and during that year a total of 46 cases in the Supreme Court were disposed of. This left 42 cases pending as of June 30, 1983. During the 1982-83 year, the Appellate Defender and his staff filed a total of 43 briefs and 70 petitions in the Supreme Court.

As of July 1, 1982, the Appellate Defender had 139 cases pending in the North Carolina Court of Appeals. During the 1982-83 year, a total of 121 additional appeals to the Court of Appeals were assigned to the Appellate Defender's Office, and during that year, a total of 160 cases in the Court of Appeals were disposed of. This left 100 cases pending as of June 30, 1983. During the 1982-83 year, the Appellate Defender and his staff filed a total of 128 briefs and 16 petitions in the Court of Appeals.

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1982-83

The North Carolina Courts Commission

(Members as of June 30, 1983)

Appointed by the Governor

H. Parks Helms, Charlotte, *Chairman*
Member, N.C. House of Representatives

Wade Barber, Jr., Pittsboro
District Attorney

Daniel T. Blue, Jr., Raleigh
Member, N.C. House of Representatives

David M. Britt, Raleigh
Retired Associate Justice, N.C. Supreme Court

George Kornegay, Mount Olive

Louise B. Wilson, Graham
Clerk of Court

Vacancy

Appointed by President of the Senate (Lieutenant Governor)

Henson P. Barnes, Goldsboro
Member, N.C. Senate

Fielding Clark, II, Hickory

Giles R. Clark, Elizabethtown
Superior Court Judge

E. Lawrence Davis, Winston-Salem

Rebecca B. Hundley, Thomasville

R.C. Soles, Jr., Tabor City
Member, N.C. Senate

Howard F. Twiggs, Raleigh

Vacancy

Appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives

Bobby R. Etheridge, Angier
Member, N.C. House of Representatives

Robert C. Hunter, Marion
Member, N.C. House of Representatives

Harold L. Kennedy, Jr., Winston-Salem

Ralph S. Knott, Louisburg
Clerk of Court

Nicholas Long, Roanoke Rapids
District Court Judge

Marvin D. Musselwhite, Jr., Raleigh
Member, N.C. House of Representatives

Dennis A. Wicker, Sanford
Member, N.C. House of Representatives

Vacancy

Ex-Officio (Non-Voting)

Robert M. Clay, Raleigh
N.C. Bar Association Representative

William K. Davis, Raleigh
N.C. State Bar Representative

Franklin E. Freeman, Jr., Raleigh
Administrative Officer of the Courts

The North Carolina Courts Commission was reestablished by the 1979 General Assembly "to make continuing studies of the structure, organization, jurisdiction, procedures and personnel of the Judicial Department and of the General Court of Justice and to make recommendations to the General Assembly for such changes therein as will facilitate the administration of justice". Initially, the Commission was comprised of 15 voting members, with five each appointed by the Governor, the President of the Senate (Lieutenant Governor), and the Speaker of the House. The Commission also had three *ex officio* members as shown above.

The 1981 General Assembly amended the statutes pertaining to the Courts Commission, to increase the number of voting members from 15 to 23, with the Governor to appoint seven voting members, the President of the Senate to appoint eight voting members, and the Speaker of the House to appoint eight voting members. The non-voting *ex officio* members remained the same: a representative of the North Carolina Bar Association, a representative of the North Carolina State Bar, and the Administrative Officer of the Courts.

The 1983 Session of the General Assembly further amended G.S. 7A-506, to revise the voting membership of the Commission. Effective July 1, 1983, the Commission is to consist of 24 voting members, six to be appointed by the Governor; six to be appointed by the Speaker of the House; six to be appointed by the Presi-

The North Carolina Courts Commission

dent of the Senate; and six to be appointed by the Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court. The Governor continues to appoint the Chairman of the Commission, from among its legislative members. The nonvoting *ex officio* membership of three persons remains the same.

Of the six appointees of the Chief Justice, one is to be a Justice of the Supreme Court, one is to be a Judge of the Court of Appeals, two are to be judges of superior court, and two are to be judges of district court.

Of the six appointees of the Governor, one is to be a district attorney, one a practicing attorney, one a clerk of superior court, and three are to be members or former members of the General Assembly and at least one of these shall not be an attorney.

Of the six appointees of the Speaker of the House, at least three are to be practicing attorneys, and three are to be members or formers members of the General Assembly, and at least one of these three is not to be an attorney.

Of the six appointees of the President of the Senate, at least three are to be practicing attorneys, three are to be members or former members of the General Assembly, and at least one is to be a magistrate.

During the 1982-83 year the Courts Commission had a total of eleven meetings. The Commission submitted its main report to the General Assembly in February, 1983, and a supplementary report on the counsel-for-indigents program in April, 1983.

The following Commission proposals were approved at the 1983 General Assembly:

- Statutory amendments providing for direct appeal to the N.C. Supreme Court of general rate decisions of the Utilities Commission, in lieu of such appeals going first to the N.C. Court of Appeals (Chapter 526, 1983 Session Laws).
- Statutory amendments relating to service of process in summary ejectment and small claims cases (Chapter 332, 1983 Session Laws).
- Statutory amendments to provide that certain discovery documents are not to be filed with the clerk unless and until needed for trial (Chapter 201, 1983 Session Laws).
- Statutory amendments to establish a District Attorney Conference and provide for staff (Chapter 761, 1983 Session Laws).
- Proposed constitutional amendment to provide that Attorney General and District Attorneys must be duly licensed to practice law in North Carolina, approved by General Assembly to be on ballot in November, 1984 (Chapter 298, 1983 Session Laws).
- Statutory amendments to provide for standard conditions of probation (Chapter 561, 1983 Session Laws).
- Statutory amendments providing for increases in court costs and fees (Chapter 713, 1983 Session Laws).
- Statutory amendments to provide increase in pay for jurors (Chapter 88, 1983 Session Laws).

The following recommendations of the North Carolina Courts Commission were introduced in the General Assembly during the 1983 Session and remain pending in committee. These are eligible for consideration at the "short" session in June, 1984:

- Statutory amendments to provide for temporary recall of a retired Justice of the Supreme Court, to serve on either the Supreme Court or the Court of Appeals; and to authorize the Chief Justice to recall retired justices or judges to expedite the work of the appellate courts (H 310).
- Statutory amendments to authorize the presiding judge in a civil action or special proceeding to award reasonable attorney fees for the prevailing party upon finding that there was a complete absence of a justiciable issue of either law or fact raised by the losing party (H 474).
- Statutory amendments to provide that certain minor traffic offenses would be civil infractions rather than criminal offenses (H 491).
- Statutory amendments to provide credit for law enforcement and court-related experience, for purposes of setting magistrates' salary (H 473).
- Statutory amendments to provide that the Administrative Office of the Courts, instead of State Bar Council, have authority and responsibility for adopting regulations for determining indigency and assigning state-paid counsel (H 1285).

One recommendation of the Commission (H 447), to authorize the presiding judge to have jury selection proceedings held in the county of residence of the jurors instead of in the county where the case is to be tried, where it is necessary to select jurors from another county, received an unfavorable report by the House Committee.

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1982-83

The Judicial Standards Commission (Members as of June 30, 1983)

Appointed by the Chief Justice

Court of Appeals Judge Gerald Arnold, Fuquay-Varina, *Chairman*

Superior Court Judge W. Douglas Albright, Greensboro

District Court Judge L. T. Hammond, Jr., Asheboro

Appointed by the Governor

Susan Whittington, Wilkesboro, *Secretary*

Veatrice C. Davis, Fayetteville

Elected by the Council of the N.C. State Bar

Jerome B. Clark, Jr., Fayetteville, *Vice Chairman*

E. K. Powe, Durham

Deborah R. Carrington, *Executive Secretary*

THE JUDICIAL STANDARDS COMMISSION

July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

The Judicial Standards Commission was established by the General Assembly pursuant to a constitutional amendment approved by the voters at the general election in November 1972.

Upon recommendation of the Commission, the Supreme Court may censure or remove any judge for wilful misconduct in office, wilful and persistent failure to perform his duties, habitual intemperance, conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude, or conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice that brings the judicial office into disrepute. In addition, upon recommendation of the Commission, the Supreme Court may remove any judge for mental or physical incapacity interfering with the performance of his duties, which is, or is likely to become, permanent.

Where a recommendation for censure or removal involves a justice of the Supreme Court, the recommendation and supporting record is filed with the Court of Appeals which has and proceeds under the same authority for censure or removal of a judge. Such a proceeding would be heard by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and the six judges senior in service, excluding the Court of Appeals judge who by law serves as the Chairman of the Judicial Standards Commission.

In addition to a recommendation of censure or removal, the Commission also utilizes a disciplinary measure known as a reprimand. The reprimand is a mechanism administratively developed for dealing with inquiries where the conduct involved does not warrant censure or removal, but where some action is justified. Since the establishment of the Judicial Standards Commission in 1973, reprimands have been issued in eleven instances covering 13 inquiries.

During the 1 July 1982 - 30 June 1983 fiscal year, the Judicial Standards Commission met on the following dates: 10 September 1982, 22 September 1982, 1 October 1982, 5 November 1982, 6 January 1983, 16 February 1983, 4 March 1983, 1 April 1983, and 13 May 1983. In addition, the Commission convened on 4 January 1983 and 21 June 1983 for hearings in two inquiries.

A complaint or other information against a judge, whether filed with the Commission or initiated by the Commission on its own motion, is designated as an "Inquiry Concerning a Judge." Twenty-two such inquiries were pending as of 1 July 1982, and 82 inquiries were filed during the fiscal year, giving the Commission a total workload of 104 inquiries.

During the fiscal year, the Commission disposed of 75 inquiries, and 29 inquiries remained pending at the end of the fiscal year.

The determinations of the Commission regarding the 75 inquiries disposed of during the fiscal year were as follows:

(1) sixty-five inquiries were determined to involve matters for appeal or other legal remedy, evidentiary rulings, length of sentences, or other matters not within the Commission's jurisdiction rather than questions of judicial misconduct;

(2) seven inquiries were determined to involve allegations of conduct which did not rise to such a level as would warrant investigation by the Commission;

(3) two inquiries were determined to warrant no further action following completion of preliminary investigations; and

(4) one inquiry was determined to warrant a recommendation of removal following a hearing in the matter.

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1982-83

The recommendation of removal filed by the Commission on 7 February 1983 in Inquiry Concerning a Judge, No. 74 (J. Wilton Hunt, Sr., Respondent), was adopted by the Supreme Court on 3 May 1983. *In re Hunt*, 308 N.C. 328 (1983).

Of the 29 inquiries pending at the end of the fiscal year:

(1) eleven inquiries were awaiting initial review by the Commission; and

(2) eighteen inquiries covered in five preliminary investigative files were awaiting completion of the investigation or were subject to other action by the Commission.

PART III

COURT RESOURCES

- Financial
- Personnel

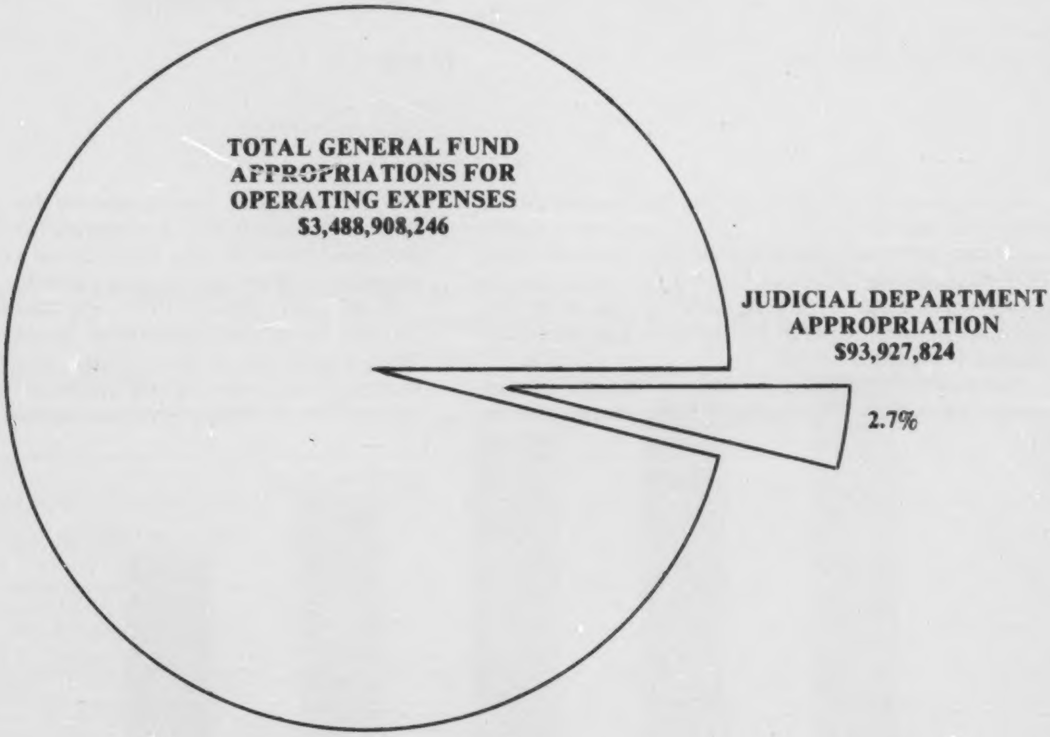
JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

Under the State Constitution the operating expenses of the Judicial Department (all North Carolina courts) "other than compensation to process servers and other locally paid non-judicial officers" are required to be paid from State funds. It is customary legislative practice for the General Assembly to include appropriations for the operating expenses of all three branches of State government in a single budget bill, for a two-year period ending on June 30 of the odd-numbered years. The budget for the second year of the biennium is generally modified during the even-year legislative session.

Building facilities for the appellate courts are provided by State funds, but, by statute, the county governments are required to provide from county funds for adequate facilities for the trial courts within each of the 100 counties.

Appropriations from the State's General Fund for operating expenses for all departments and agencies of State government, including the Judicial Department, totalled $3,488,908,246 for the 1982-83 fiscal year. (Appropriations from the Highway Fund and appropriations from the General Fund for capital improvements and debt servicing are not included in this total.)

The appropriation from the General Fund for the operating expenses of the Judicial Department for 1982-83 was $93,927,824. As illustrated in the chart below, this General Fund appropriation for the Judicial Department comprised 2.7% of the General Fund appropriations for the operating expenses of all State agencies and departments. (The above appropriation amounts include $2,785,856 for accrued attorney fees for indigent defendants paid in July 1983.)



JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

Appropriations from the State's general fund for operating expenses of the Judicial Department over the past five fiscal years are shown in the table below and in the graph at the top of the following page. For comparative purposes, appropriations from the general fund for operating expenses of all State agencies and departments (including the Judicial Department) for the last five fiscal years are also shown in the table below and in the second graph on the following page.

APPROPRIATIONS FROM GENERAL FUND FOR OPERATING EXPENSES

	Judicial Department		All State Agencies	
Fiscal Year	Appropriation	% Increase over previous year	Appropriation	% Increase over previous year
1978-1979	63,685,178	13.08%	2,452,011,095	11.79%
1979-1980	71,616,057	12.45%	2,761,002,481	12.60%
1980-1981	82,929,174	15.80%	3,140,949,832	13.76%
1981-1982	89,631,765	8.08%	3,339,761,674	6.33%
1982-1983	93,927,824	4.79%	3,488,908,246	4.47%
AVERAGE ANNUAL INCREASE, 1978-1983		10.84%		9.79%

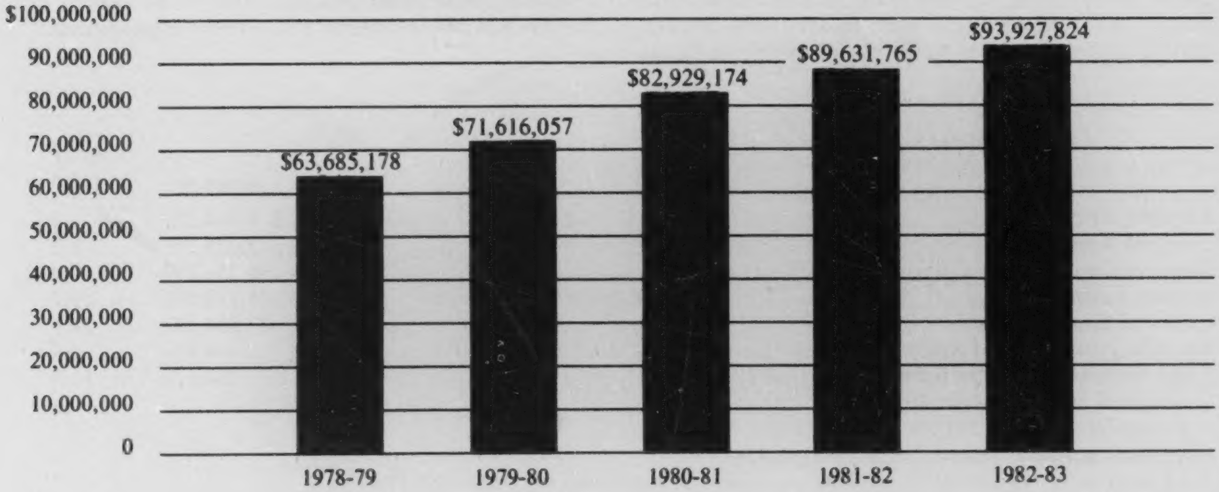
During the past decade, including the five-year period covered by the above table, inflation has been a significant factor in the national economy. For example, during 1979-80 according to Bureau of Labor Statistics data, the average person spent for goods and services more than twice the amount required for the same goods and services in 1967.

The greatest percentage increase in Judicial Department appropriations during the last five years was for the 1980-81 fiscal year. The increase for that year was due in large measure to a 10% pay increase for Judicial Branch personnel, with the same pay increase provided for personnel of all State government agencies.

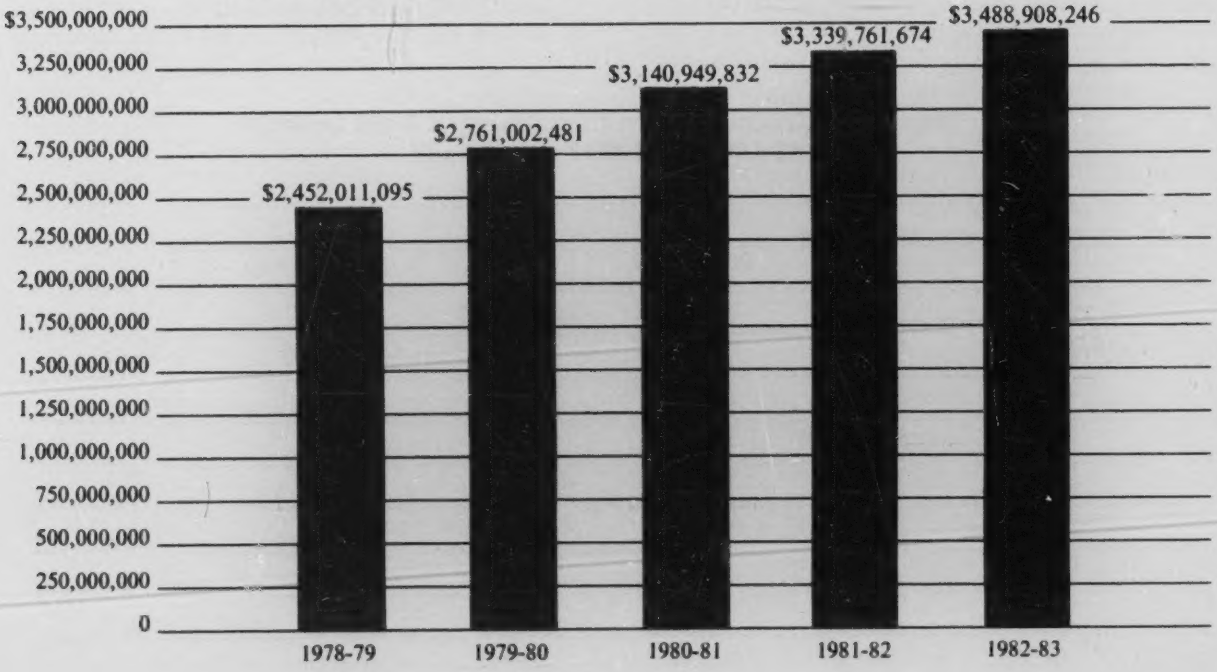
Fiscal year 1982-83 shows the smallest percentage increase in Judicial Department appropriations during the five-year period. This decline in the percentage of increase is consistent with the decline in the percentage of increase for all State government agencies.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

General Fund Appropriations for Operating Expenses Of the Judicial Department, 1978-79 — 1982-83



General Fund Appropriations for Operational Expenses Of All State Agencies and Departments, 1978-79 — 1982-83



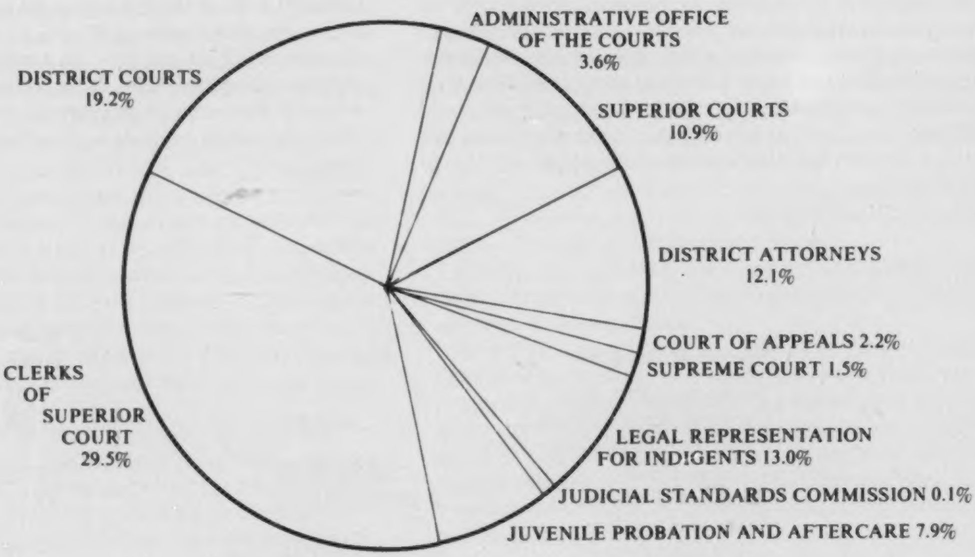
JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES
July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

General Fund expenditures, rounded to the nearest dollar, for operating expenses of the Judicial Department during the 1982-83 fiscal year totalled $94,207,213, divided among the major budget classifications as shown below. Expenditures for LEAA-funded projects in the Judicial Department totalled $216,871, for a grand total of $94,424,084 in Judicial Department expenditures.

	Amount	% of Total
Supreme Court	$ 1,464,289	1.5
Court of Appeals	2,025,252	2.2
Superior Courts	10,256,492	10.9
District Courts	18,119,464	19.2
Clerks of Superior Court	27,804,593	29.5
Juvenile Probation and Aftercare	7,464,930	7.9
Legal Representation for Indigents	12,284,119	13.0
Assigned private counsel $9,147,427		
Public defenders $2,219,766		
Special counsel at mental hospitals $150,396		
Support services (expert witness fees, professional examinations, transcripts) $441,232		
Appellate Defender Services $325,297		
District Attorney Offices	11,362,203	12.1
Administrative Office of the Courts	3,340,519	3.6
General Administration $1,773,126		
Information Services $1,314,097		
Warehouse & Printing $253,296		
Judicial Standards Commission	85,354	.1
Total General Fund Expenditures	**$94,207,213**	**100.0**
LEAA-Funded Projects	**216,871**	
TOTAL	**$94,424,084**	

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

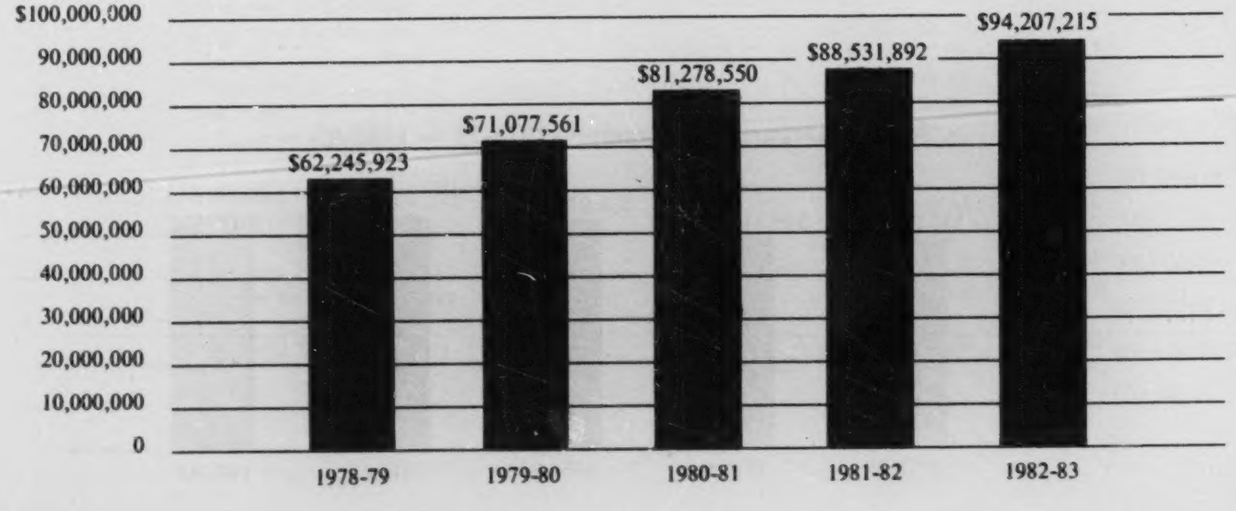
Expenditures, July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983



As the above chart illustrates, the bulk of Judicial Department expenditures goes for operation of the State's trial courts. Operation of the superior courts took 10.9% of total expenditures. Operation of the district courts (including magistrates, judges and court reporters) took 19.2% of the total. An additional 29.5% went to operate the offices for the 100 clerks of superior court, to pay jurors' and witnesses' fees and to provide office equipment and supplies and postage and telephone service.

The total General Fund expenditures of $94,207,215 for 1982-83 represents a 6.4% increase over expenditures of $88,531,892 in 1981-82, an increase in keeping with the trend in recent years, as illustrated in the chart below.

General Fund Expenditures For The Judicial Department Fiscal Years 1978-79 — 1982-83



JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

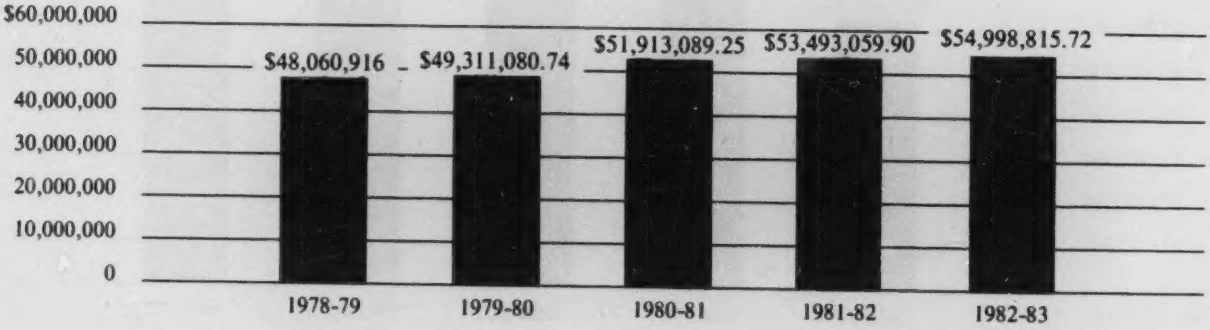
Department Receipts
July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

Receipts for the Judicial Department in the 1982-83 fiscal year totalled $54,998,815.72. The several sources of these receipts are shown in the table below. As in the previous years, the major source of receipts is the assessment of "court costs" in superior and district courts, paid by litigants in accordance with the schedule of costs and fees set out in G.S. 7A-304 *et seq.*; these payments constituted 59.76% of the total receipts during 1982-83. Fines and forfeitures made up 37.75% of the total. Receipts in the remaining categories — Supreme Court and Court of Appeals filing fees, sales of Supreme Court and Court of Appeals *Reports* and payments on indigent representation judgements — made up less than three percent of the total.

Source of Recepits	**Amount**	**% of Total**
Supreme Court Fees	$ 18,147.70	.03
Court of Appeals Fees	32,164.89	.06
Superior and District Court Costs	32,865,678.99	59.76
Fines and Forfeitures	20,762,988.44	37.75
Sales of Appellate Division *Reports*	202,091.48	.37
Payments on Indigent Representation Judgements	1,117,744.22	2.03
Total	**$54,998,815.72**	**100.00**

This total of $54,998,815.72 is an increase of 2.81% over total 1981-82 receipts of $53,493,059.90. The graph below illustrates increases in recent years in total Judicial Department receipts.

Judicial Department Receipts, 1978-79 — 1982-83



JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

Distribution of Judicial Department Receipts (July 1, 1982-June 30, 1983)

As required by the State Constitution, fines, penalties and forfeitures collected by the courts in criminal cases are distributed to the respective counties in which the cases are tried. These funds must be used by the counties for the support of the public schools.

A uniform schedule of court costs for civil and criminal cases, comprised of a variety of fees, is set by statute for cases filed in the superior and district courts. Statutes prescribe the distribution of these fees and provide that certain fees shall be devoted to specific uses. For example, a facilties fee is included in court costs when costs are assessed, and this fee is paid over to the respective county or municipality which provided the facility used in the case. These fees must be utilized by the counties and municipalities to provide and maintain courtrooms and related judicial facilities.

Officer fees (for arrest or service of process) are included, where applicable, in the costs of each case filed in the trial courts. If a municipal officer performed these services in a case, the fee is paid over to the respective municipality. Otherwise, all officer fees are paid to the respective counties in which the cases are filed.

A jail fee is included in the costs of each case where applicable; and these fees are distributed to the respective county or municipality whose facilties were used. Most jail facilties in the State are provided by the counties.

A fee for the Law Enforcement Officers Benefit and Retirement Fund is included as a part of court costs when costs are assessed in a criminal case. As required by statute, the Judicial Department remits these fees to the State Treasurer, for deposit in the Law Enforcement Officers Benefit and Retirement Fund.

Except as indicated, all superior and district court costs collected by the Judicial Department are paid into the State's General Fund.

When private counsel or a public defender is assigned to represent an indigent defendant in a criminal case the trial judge sets the money value for the services rendered. If the defendant is convicted, a judgment lien is entered against him for such amount. Collections on these judgements are paid into the State's General Fund, as are appellate court fees and proceeds from the sales of appellate division reports.

	Amount	% of Total
Remitted to State Treasurer		
Supreme Court Fees	$ 18,147.70	.03
Court of Appeals Fees	32,164.89	.06
Sales of Appellate Division Reports	202,091.48	.37
Payments on Indigent Representation Judgments	1,117,744.22	2.03
Law Enforcement Officers Benefit and Retirement Fund Fees	2,252,543.88	4.10
Other Superior and District Court Fees	19,772,414.45	35.95
Total to State Treasurer	**23,395,106.62**	**42.54**
Distributed to Counties		
Fines and Forfeitures	20,762,988.44	37.75
Judicial Facilities Fees	5,815,712.59	10.57
Officer Fees	2,807,040.61	5.10
Jail Fees	511,155.83	.93
Total to Counties	**29,896,897.47**	**54.35**
Distributed to Municipalities		
Judicial Facilities Fees	301,729.00	.55
Officer Fees	1,395,095.63	2.54
Jail Fees	9,987.00	.02
Total to Municipalities	**1,706,811.63**	**3.11**
GRAND TOTAL	**$54,998,815.72**	**100.00**

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Amounts of Fees, Fines and Forfeitures Collected by the Courts and Distributed to Counties and Municipalities*

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	Distributed to Counties				Distributed to Municipalities			
	Facility Fees	Officer Fees	Jail Fees	Fines and Forfeitures	Facility Fees	Officer Fees	Jail Fees	Total
Alamance	$ 106,580.00	$ 55,076.70	$ 12,234.25	$ 418,664.28	$ -0-	$ 23,413.00	$ -0-	$ 615,968.23
Alexander	16,931.00	9,697.00	2,873.00	89,964.00	-0-	296.00	-0-	119,761.00
Alleghany	2,471.00	2,978.00	1,736.00	28,226.06	-0-	582.00	-0-	35,993.06
Anson	28,524.00	16,135.00	1,815.00	113,173.00	-0-	1,312.00	-0-	160,959.00
Ashe	16,463.00	13,873.00	1,657.00	62,972.00	-0-	348.00	-0-	95,313.00
Avery	11,324.00	8,128.00	614.00	48,556.00	-0-	164.00	-0-	68,786.00
Beaufort	44,863.00	35,166.00	5,107.00	146,473.50	-0-	6,490.00	-0-	238,099.50
Bertie	22,781.00	19,290.96	1,597.00	69,161.22	-0-	982.00	-0-	113,812.18
Bladen	35,331.00	30,432.00	1,961.00	143,225.92	1,953.00	516.00	-0-	213,418.92
Brunswick	29,858.00	17,414.00	2,233.74	130,102.38	2,020.00	1,703.00	-0-	183,331.12
Buncombe	179,931.43	101,921.00	6,362.50	664,364.93	-0-	42,087.00	-0-	994,666.86
Burke	75,539.00	37,074.00	1,810.00	245,523.41	-0-	8,972.00	-0-	368,918.41
Cabarrus	93,618.00	69,129.50	8,697.00	306,990.24	-0-	9,368.00	-0-	487,802.74
Caldwell	64,596.00	21,080.00	3,573.00	169,976.75	-0-	9,350.00	-0-	268,575.75
Camden	4,385.00	3,427.00	821.00	24,870.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	33,503.00
Carteret	49,438.00	26,560.00	1,455.00	211,970.92	-0-	9,686.00	-0-	299,109.92
Caswell	15,773.75	14,557.00	1,190.00	59,078.70	-0-	-0-	-0-	90,599.45
Catawba	47,231.50	32,102.00	6,496.00	333,617.69	61,309.00	29,395.00	2,180.00	512,331.19
Chatham	22,160.00	21,067.00	1,345.00	82,283.72	6,584.00	1,276.00	275.00	134,990.72
Cherokee	12,734.00	8,992.00	3,613.00	59,677.00	-0-	1,908.00	155.00	87,079.00
Chowan	14,443.00	9,846.00	1,112.00	37,868.00	-0-	2,648.00	-0-	65,917.00
Clay	3,479.00	2,334.00	828.00	20,384.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	27,025.00
Cleveland	65,713.09	26,317.50	8,749.00	184,215.44	-0-	8,625.72	-0-	293,620.75
Columbus	53,168.00	47,457.00	6,666.00	172,797.58	3,301.00	5,311.00	130.00	288,830.58
Craven	84,849.92	30,886.00	5,109.00	346,155.65	-0-	18,655.00	-0-	485,655.57
Cumberland	253,759.50	85,170.13	26,253.47	1,044,590.62	-0-	59,223.00	-0-	1,468,996.72
Currituck	14,430.00	12,385.65	1,535.00	73,548.60	-0-	-0-	-0-	101,899.25
Dare	33,826.00	18,776.02	4,731.00	225,821.31	-0-	7,036.00	-0-	290,190.33
Davidson	84,664.50	64,045.73	7,502.60	305,156.85	12,620.00	8,015.00	-0-	482,004.68
Davie	22,014.60	15,825.00	1,202.00	64,725.85	-0-	572.00	-0-	104,339.45
Duplin	40,404.00	21,210.00	3,930.00	168,866.00	-0-	1,140.00	525.00	236,075.00
Durham	189,780.00	60,274.00	3,656.00	325,976.50	-0-	56,675.00	-0-	636,361.50
Edgecombe	43,870.50	51,934.00	10,402.50	150,800.88	27,570.00	13,028.00	465.00	298,070.88
Forsyth	289,333.50	40,512.00	19,731.83	770,274.07	4,195.00	119,141.00	-0-	1,243,187.40
Franklin	22,960.00	12,394.00	2,726.00	82,071.75	-0-	468.00	-0-	120,619.75
Gaston	135,306.00	88,015.55	12,068.00	487,969.85	-0-	16,376.00	-0-	739,735.40
Gates	7,777.00	5,866.09	415.00	31,763.66	-0-	40.00	-0-	45,861.66
Graham	4,412.00	3,030.00	1,390.00	15,365.00	-0-	36.00	-0-	24,233.00
Granville	34,089.00	15,788.00	3,990.00	121,093.77	-0-	5,599.00	299.00	180,858.77
Greene	13,272.00	9,802.00	1,362.00	56,594.84	-0-	-0-	-0-	81,030.84
Guilford	389,433.75	67,919.82	13,712.00	867,391.55	-0-	148,116.00	-0-	1,486,573.12
Halifax	60,156.00	45,028.74	12,591.55	277,257.82	7,727.00	15,918.00	329.00	419,008.11
Harnett	42,424.00	27,360.00	6,638.00	174,731.49	6,853.00	4,258.00	778.00	263,042.49
Haywood	41,707.00	29,746.00	987.00	188,044.15	1,014.00	2,603.00	-0-	264,101.15
Henderson	51,116.11	27,251.00	7,397.75	229,489.90	-0-	5,406.00	-0-	320,660.76
Hertford	30,036.00	19,257.42	3,571.00	91,061.14	-0-	2,276.00	-0-	146,201.56
Hoke	21,283.00	12,251.74	3,138.00	75,100.37	-0-	1,698.00	-0-	113,471.11
Hyde	6,582.00	5,296.00	230.00	29,515.75	-0-	-0-	-0-	41,623.75
Iredell	63,989.00	32,363.40	2,502.66	272,398.42	11,953.00	10,467.00	411.00	394,084.48

*Facility and jail fees are distributed to the respective counties and municipalities which furnished the facilities. If the officer who made the arrest or served the process was employed by a municipality, the officer fee is distributed to the municipality; otherwise all officer fees are distributed to the respective counties. By provision of the State Constitution, fines and forfeitures collected by the courts within a county are distributed to that county for support of the public schools.

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Amounts of Fees, Fines and Forfeitures Collected by the Courts and Distributed to Counties and Municipalities*
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	Distributed to Counties				Distributed to Municipalities			
	Facility Fees	Officer Fees	Jail Fees	Fines and Forfeitures	Facility Fees	Officer Fees	Jail Fees	Total
Jackson	$ 18,791.00	$ 13,953.21	$ 1,320.00	$ 79,390.00	$ -0-	$ -0-	$ -0-	$ 113,454.21
Johnston	64,088.00	45,884.00	10,786.95	294,969.16	13,004.00	8,182.00	365.00	437,279.11
Jones	9,053.00	5,732.00	770.00	27,784.00	-0-	480.00	-0-	43,819.00
Lee	44,724.00	22,922.68	9,319.00	126,909.50	-0-	9,374.85	-0-	213,250.03
Lenoir	69,242.80	26,498.01	5,308.00	209,718.11	776.00	11,101.00	-0-	322,643.92
Lincoln	29,169.96	20,093.00	715.00	69,580.98	-0-	1,806.00	-0-	121,364.94
Macon	18,119.00	13,831.69	1,402.00	73,112.00	-0-	460.00	-0-	106,924.69
Madison	7,073.00	5,835.00	125.00	29,119.00	-0-	28.00	-0-	42,180.00
Martin	26,523.00	20,182.00	670.00	81,397.46	-0-	1,648.00	-0-	130,420.46
McDowell	28,001.00	17,880.00	1,303.00	113,754.09	-0-	1,452.00	-0-	162,390.09
Mecklenburg	450,313.50	51,895.00	206.00	1,218,608.03	-0-	264,591.05	-0-	1,985,613.58
Mitchell	6,441.00	4,806.00	750.00	21,475.86	-0-	512.00	-0-	33,984.86
Montgomery	34,929.00	30,253.00	3,147.00	86,197.00	-0-	900.00	-0-	155,426.00
Moore	54,054.00	37,965.00	2,392.00	199,208.37	4,908.00	8,477.00	335.00	307,339.37
Nash	49,429.00	53,936.41	10,799.75	238,788.09	34,998.00	12,768.00	991.00	401,710.25
New Hanover	132,158.60	37,124.37	13,154.55	620,866.61	-0-	29,615.00	155.00	833,074.13
Northampton	26,019.00	21,144.35	2,057.00	107,269.28	-0-	1,454.00	-0-	157,943.63
Onslow	99,617.75	68,893.45	24,967.95	458,369.92	-0-	13,809.50	-0-	665,658.57
Orange	43,349.50	30,785.75	2,470.00	211,327.45	23,830.00	17,500.00	610.00	329,872.70
Pamlico	7,016.00	5,176.00	795.00	22,341.35	-0-	44.00	-0-	35,372.35
Pasquotank	27,249.00	12,626.00	2,011.74	268,835.38	-0-	7,574.00	-0-	318,296.12
Pender	21,814.50	14,664.00	2,519.50	102,430.00	-0-	806.00	-0-	142,234.00
Perquimans	9,998.00	7,002.00	295.00	27,529.00	-0-	1,096.00	-0-	45,920.00
Person	22,516.99	16,897.00	2,016.00	76,480.51	-0-	1,850.00	-0-	119,760.50
Pitt	78,597.00	27,569.00	5,384.41	285,466.74	6,442.00	19,515.00	593.00	423,567.15
Polk	10,400.00	8,256.00	1,832.00	68,113.00	-0-	418.00	-0-	89,019.00
Randolph	63,912.00	54,733.73	2,945.00	200,999.56	1,040.00	8,110.00	-0-	331,740.29
Richmond	36,784.00	21,776.00	3,729.00	109,877.28	-0-	3,031.00	-0-	175,197.28
Robeson	92,319.00	59,967.40	12,299.00	472,519.40	32,776.00	21,806.00	896.00	692,582.80
Rockingham	63,388.19	39,136.50	8,395.00	312,186.84	26,686.00	25,989.00	25.00	475,806.53
Rowan	88,132.00	54,922.28	12,439.58	297,869.85	-0-	22,030.00	-0-	475,393.71
Rutherford	41,701.79	23,339.00	7,766.00	183,702.72	-0-	6,588.00	-0-	263,097.51
Sampson	61,511.50	47,423.00	8,763.50	210,477.46	-0-	1,918.00	-0-	330,093.46
Scotland	34,531.00	24,064.96	4,038.00	115,342.05	-0-	4,835.00	-0-	182,811.01
Stanly	45,009.00	16,266.00	5,208.00	192,257.72	-0-	6,310.00	-0-	265,050.72
Stokes	20,347.50	11,816.00	1,125.00	74,749.00	-0-	502.00	-0-	108,539.50
Surry	64,894.00	54,830.30	4,822.00	208,943.83	845.00	5,764.00	280.00	340,379.13
Swain	8,048.00	5,406.00	3,905.00	28,408.75	-0-	320.00	-0-	46,087.75
Transylvania	16,561.42	13,103.49	6,543.68	76,953.77	-0-	2,216.00	-0-	115,378.36
Tyrrell	4,345.50	2,928.00	40.00	15,571.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	22,884.50
Union	55,688.75	41,131.00	7,919.00	241,222.61	-0-	6,953.00	-0-	352,914.36
Vance	46,455.00	21,188.00	4,632.50	152,960.07	-0-	7,387.00	-0-	232,622.57
Wake	375,427.19	80,614.00	33,450.00	1,295,598.18	6,060.00	150,178.62	165.00	1,941,492.99
Warren	15,705.00	11,809.00	1,375.00	56,512.00	-0-	444.00	-0-	85,845.00
Washington	12,331.00	9,509.00	1,258.00	32,751.23	-0-	892.00	-0-	56,741.23
Watauga	26,720.00	17,521.00	4,380.00	158,554.26	-0-	3,646.00	-0-	210,821.26
Wayne	91,468.00	39,146.00	5,960.39	299,282.44	3,265.00	22,623.00	25.00	461,769.83
Wilkes	60,727.00	33,293.00	6,167.52	254,899.23	-0-	1,074.00	-0-	356,160.75
Wilson	62,320.00	37,782.67	9,808.00	152,980.32	-0-	15,020.89	-0-	277,911.88
Yadkin	30,604.00	23,410.00	5,281.96	176,506.45	-0-	404.00	-0-	236,206.41
Yancey	9,283.00	7,676.50	1,070.00	22,919.00	-0-	414.00	-0-	41,362.50
State Totals	**$5,815,712.59**	**$2,807,040.61**	**$511,155.83**	**$20,762,988.44**	**$301,729.00**	**$1,395,095.63**	**$9,987.00**	**$31,603,709.10**

Cost and Case Data on Representation of Indigents
July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

The State provides legal counsel for indigent persons in a variety of actions and proceedings, as specified in the North Carolina General Statutes, Sections 7A-450 *et seq.* These include criminal proceedings, judicial hospitalization proceedings, juvenile proceedings which may result in commitment to an institution or transfer to superior court for trial as an adult. Legal representation for indigents may be by assignment of private counsel, by assignment of special public counsel (involving mental hospital commitments), or by assignment of a public defender.

Seven of North Carolina's judicial districts have an office of public defender: Districts 3, 12, 15B, 18, 26, 27A, and 28. The other 27 districts utilize only assignments of private counsel. Private counsel may also be assigned in the seven districts which have a public defender in the event of a conflict of interests involving the public defender's office and the indigent and in the event of unusual circumstances when, in the opinion of the court, the proper administration of justice requires the assignment of private counsel rather than the public defender in those cases.

The Appellate Defender Office began operation as a State-funded program on October 1, 1981. (Prior to October 1, 1981, appellate defender services were funded by a one-year federal grant.) Pursuant to assignments made by trial court judges, it is the responsibility of the Appellate Defender and his staff to provide criminal defense appellate services to indigent persons who are appealing their convictions to either the Supreme Court or the Court of Appeals. The Appellate Defender is under the general supervision of the Chief Justice. The Chief Justice may, consistent with the resources available to the Appellate Defender and to insure quality criminal defense services, authorize certain appeals to be assigned to a local public defender office or to private assigned counsel instead of to the Appellate Defender. The case and cost data reported below reflect the activity of this office in both the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1983.

In addition, the State provides a full-time special counsel at each of the State's four mental hospitals, to represent patients in commitment or recommitment hearings before a district court judge. Under North Carolina law, each patient committed to a mental hospital is entitled to a judicial hearing (before a district court judge) within 90 days after the initial commitment, a further hearing within 180 days after the initial commitment, and thereafter a hearing once each year during the continuance of an involuntary commitment.

Finally, the State provides a guardian *ad litem* for children alleged to be neglected in juvenile petitions unless the court finds that the child is not in need of and cannot benefit from such representation.

The cost of the entire program of indigent representation, rounded to the nearest dollar, was $12,284,119 in the 1982-83 fiscal year, compared to $11,033,650 in the 1981-82 fiscal year, an increase of 11.3%. The total amount expended for representation of indigents was 13.0% of total Judicial Department expenditures in the 1982-83 fiscal year.

Following is a summary of case and cost data for representation of indigents for the fiscal year, July 1, 1982 through June 30, 1983.

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Cost and Case Data on Representation of Indigents
July 1, 1982-June 30, 1983

	Number of Cases	Total Cost	Average Per Case
Assigned Private Counsel			
Capital offense cases	350	$ 609,266	$1,740.76
Adult cases (other than capital)	37,643	7,216,860	191.72
Juvenile cases	5,411	512,200	94.66
As guardian *ad litem* for juveniles	5,222	809,101	154.94
Totals	**48,626**	**$ 9,147,427**	**$ 188.12**
Public Defender Offices			
District 3	1,641	$ 322,320	$ 196.42
District 12	2,730	395,969	145.04
*District 15B	—	2,367	
District 18	3,057	498,528	163.08
District 26	5,729	552,173	96.38
District 27A	1,771	248,411	140.27
District 28	1,475	199,999	135.59
Totals	**16,403**	**$ 2,219,766**	**$ 135.33**
Appellate Defender Office	**206**	**$ 325,297**	**$1,579.11**
Special Counsel at mental hospitals		$ 150,396	
Transcripts, records and briefs		371,583	
Professional examinations		36,872	
Expert witness fees		32,778	
GRAND TOTAL		**$12,284,119**	

***District 15B Public Defender Office was established in June, 1983. Expenses include only acquisition of initial library. Positions were established in July, 1983. No case activity in this office during June, 1983.**

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Special Counsel at Mental Hospitals

The total cost of providing special counsel at each of the State's four mental hospitals, to represent patients in commitment or recommitment hearings, was $150,396 for the 1982-83 fiscal year. There were a total of 10,895 hearings held during the year, for an average cost per hearing of $13.90 for the special counsel service.

The following table presents data on the hearings held at each of the mental hospitals in 1982-83. The total number of hearings in 1982-83 increased by 469 over the number held in 1981-82, for a 4.5% increase.

	Broughton	Cherry	Dorothea Dix	John Umstead	Totals
Initial Hearings resulting in:					
Commitment to hospital	758	978	602	1,330	3,668
Commitment to outpatient clinic	283	158	12	216	669
Discharge	1,667	1,215	508	717	4,107
Totals	**2,708**	**2,351**	**1,122**	**2,263**	**8,444**
First Rehearings resulting in:					
Commitment to hospital	97	209	143	282	731
Commitment to outpatient clinic	10	1	1	10	22
Discharge	88	134	44	91	357
Totals	**195**	**344**	**188**	**383**	**1,110**
Second or Subsequent Rehearings resulting in:					
Commitment to hospital	146	299	323	353	1,121
Commitment to outpatient clinic	2	0	1	0	3
Discharge	42	20	11	24	97
Totals	**190**	**319**	**335**	**377**	**1,221**
Modification of Prior Order Hearings resulting in:					
Commitment to hospital	3	17	2	36	58
Commitment to outpatient clinic	30	3	8	1	42
Discharge	8	8	1	3	20
Totals	**41**	**28**	**11**	**40**	**120**
Total Hearings or Rehearings resulting in:					
Commitment to hospital	1,004	1,503	1,070	2,001	5,578
Commitment to outpatient clinic	325	162	22	227	736
Discharge	1,805	1,377	564	835	4,581
Grand Totals	**3,134**	**3,042**	**1,656**	**3,063**	**10,895**

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Assigned Counsel and Guardian Ad Litem
Number of Cases and Expenditures
Fiscal Year 1982-83*

	Assigned Counsel		**Guardian Ad Litem**	
	Number of Cases	**Expenditures**	**Number of Cases**	**Expenditures**
District 1				
Camden	26	6,056.35	4	337.10
Chowan	103	24,037.23	5	425.50
Currituck	73	24,550.33	9	879.90
Dare	124	32,124.30	8	1,901.12
Gates	29	10,165.90	2	227.50
Pasquotank	336	75,650.58	12	700.00
Perquimans	51	18,409.57	5	415.00
District Totals	**742**	**190,994.26**	**45**	**4,886.12**
District 2				
Beaufort	293	77,107.91	6	350.00
Hyde	26	6,321.70	3	150.00
Martin	193	51,015.00	14	1,100.00
Tyrrell	44	11,018.95	—	—
Washington	115	22,449.00	14	750.00
District Totals	**671**	**167,912.56**	37	2,350.00
District 3				
Carteret	41	11,265.75	32	3,250.00
Craven	52	18,681.23	57	9,775.09
Pamlico	7	1,725.00	—	—
Pitt	146	48,108.03	42	7,584.22
District Totals	**246**	**79,780.01**	**131**	**20,609.31**
District 4				
Duplin	308	94,475.63	36	4,000.00
Jones	50	12,512.98	4	300.00
Onslow	574	170,596.24	99	8,650.00
Sampson	357	96,736.93	87	8,645.00
District Totals	**1,289**	**374,321.78**	**226**	**21,595.00**
District 5				
New Hanover	795	258,028.84	56	7,801.75
Pender	76	23,822.19	4	380.90
District Totals	**871**	**281,851.03**	**60**	**8,182.65**
District 6				
Bertie	191	37,299.90	25	2,245.00
Halifax	543	102,557.25	30	2,955.00
Hertford	270	46,712.91	53	3,354.00
Northampton	145	34,273.50	41	3,966.00
District Totals	**1,149**	**220,843.56**	**149**	**12,520.00**
District 7				
Edgecombe	622	138,556.17	28	3,700.00
Nash	584	130,085.21	31	4,925.00
Wilson	751	178,976.28	19	3,531.50
District Totals	**1,957**	**447,617.66**	**78**	**12,156.50**

*Includes all orders received in FY 1982-83 of which $2,785,856 was paid in July 1983.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

Assigned Counsel and Guardian Ad Litem
Number of Cases and Expenditures
Fiscal Year 1982-83*

	Assigned Counsel		Guardian Ad Litem	
	Number of Cases	Expenditures	Number of Cases	Expenditures
District 8				
Greene	110	26,374.24	3	475.50
Lenoir	938	145,443.12	84	8,594.43
Wayne	828	181,086.31	115	17,207.87
District Totals	**1,876**	**352,903.67**	**202**	**26,277.80**
District 9				
Franklin	207	39,849.67	14	1,825.00
Granville	296	42,349.20	10	1,935.00
Person	253	53,008.16	25	3,790.00
Vance	316	57,726.60	18	3,291.42
Warren	115	17,336.00	13	2,282.48
District Totals	**1,187**	**210,269.63**	**80**	**13,123.90**
District 10				
Wake	**2,874**	**561,843.06**	**278**	**65,835.64**
District 11				
Harnett	410	58,709.36	90	7,847.00
Johnston	665	79,453.73	43	3,745.00
Lee	479	72,018.86	31	3,074.00
District Totals	**1,554**	**210,181.95**	**164**	**14,666.00**
District 12				
Cumberland	134	49,033.56	141	11,128.59
Hoke	7	4,934.75	14	1,010.00
District Totals	**141**	**53,968.31**	**155**	**12,138.59**
District 13				
Bladen	396	76,445.43	21	2,384.00
Brunswick	273	52,897.00	40	3,821.72
Columbus	540	102,184.00	39	4,155.00
District Totals	**1,209**	**231,526.43**	**100**	**10,360.72**
District 14				
Durham	**2,526**	**462,288.27**	**189**	**39,984.42**
District 15A				
Alamance	**898**	**177,475.20**	**94**	**8,494.45**
District 15B				
Chatham	143	29,623.91	15	1,588.00
Orange	631	123,209.68	112	16,408.17
District Totals	**774**	**152,833.59**	**127**	**17,996.17**
District 16				
Robeson	1,214	211,973.33	168	7,675.00
Scotland	442	57,714.00	56	4,850.00
District Totals	**1,656**	**269,687.33**	**224**	**12,525.00**

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Assigned Counsel and Guardian Ad Litem
Number of Cases and Expenditures
Fiscal Year 1982-83*

	Assigned Counsel		Guardian Ad Litem	
	Number of Cases	**Expenditures**	**Number of Cases**	**Expenditures**
District 17				
Caswell	149	20,929.80	21	1,675.00
Rockingham	791	139,092.81	26	2,527.00
Stokes	135	22,550.00	8	600.00
Surry	665	118,048.71	59	5,272.00
District Totals	**1,740**	**300,621.32**	**114**	**10,074.00**
District 18				
Guilford	**447**	**130,416.64**	**360**	**57,543.59**
District 19A				
Cabarrus	697	144,263.34	77	9,485.00
Rowan	1,048	161,658.99	54	6,817.11
District Totals	**1,745**	**305,922.33**	**131**	**16,302.11**
District 19B				
Montgomery	273	59,465.63	8	1,194.60
Randolph	505	94,864.85	35	4,132.85
District Totals	**778**	**154,330.48**	**43**	**5,327.45**
District 20				
Anson	352	53,580.64	16	1,275.00
Moore	629	85,290.19	84	7,400.00
Richmond	586	85,937.66	43	4,175.00
Stanly	352	55,328.43	50	5,325.00
Union	641	100,200.86	142	13,735.32
District Totals	**2,560**	**380,337.78**	**335**	**31,910.32**
District 21				
Forsyth	**3,271**	**471,555.54**	**234**	**28,207.60**
District 22				
Alexander	166	32,367.90	26	3,250.00
Davidson	759	134,294.48	136	17,240.50
Davie	112	20,152.97	25	2,777.00
Iredell	662	126,397.15	63	6,790.98
District Totals	**1,699**	**313,212.50**	**250**	**30,058.48**
District 23				
Alleghany	34	10,325.00	3	275.00
Ashe	145	14,574.32	17	925.00
Wilkes	418	79,563.50	66	4,240.00
Yadkin	154	19,526.40	24	1,660.00
District Totals	**751**	**123,989.22**	**110**	**7,100.00**

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JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

Assigned Counsel and Guardian Ad Litem
Number of Cases and Expenditures
Fiscal Year 1982-83*

	Assigned Counsel		Guardian Ad Litem	
	Number of Cases	Expenditures	Number of Cases	Expenditures
District 24				
Avery	132	32,515.30	—	—
Madison	74	13,035.00	20	3,350.00
Mitchell	68	11,090.65	30	3,305.00
Watauga	187	61,353.84	2	425.00
Yancey	32	10,075.50	3	300.00
District Totals	**493**	**128,070.29**	**55**	**7,380.00**
District 25				
Burke	581	105,878.34	63	12,344.29
Caldwell	796	115,602.25	30	3,681.75
Catawba	1,051	166,569.55	79	11,458.75
District Totals	**2,428**	**388,050.14**	**172**	**27,484.79**
District 26				
Mecklenburg	**2,824**	**590,956.76**	**505**	**226,981.41**
District 27A				
Gaston	**215**	**39,117.53**	**44**	**6,050.00**
District 27B				
Cleveland	453	92,667.25	47	6,450.00
Lincoln	191	49,377.50	17	2,650.00
District Totals	**644**	**142,044.75**	**64**	**9,100.00**
District 28				
Buncombe	**335**	**49,755.79**	**171**	**12,370.75**
District 29				
Henderson	358	82,274.40	59	8,225.00
McDowell	254	53,019.62	30	4,460.00
Polk	71	16,826.77	2	250.00
Rutherford	272	81,889.52	31	2,950.00
Transylvania	114	24,103.54	10	1,575.00
District Totals	**1,069**	**258,113.85**	**132**	**17,460.00**
District 30				
Cherokee	91	14,755.39	25	2,420.78
Clay	38	4,183.24	1	75.00
Graham	21	5,586.50	12	650.00
Haywood	275	43,080.67	68	4,020.00
Jackson	119	23,833.93	31	2,600.00
Macon	198	18,030.39	14	1,281.52
Swain	43	6,063.12	12	1,000.83
District Totals	**785**	**115,533.24**	**163**	**12,048.13**
STATE TOTALS	**43,404**	**8,338,326.46**	**5,222**	**809,100.90**

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JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL
(Positions and salaries authorized as of June 30, 1983)

Positions Authorized		Salary Ranges
	SUPREME COURT	
7	Justices	$57,012-$58,212
23	Staff personnel (Clerk's and Reporter's offices, law clerks, library staff)	$11,484-$39,756
7	Secretarial personnel	$11,484-$17,076
	COURT OF APPEALS	
12	Judges	$53,976-$55,188
29	Staff personnel (Clerk's office, prehearing staff, Judicial Standards Commission staff, law clerks)	$ 9,264-$32,856
18	Secretarial personnel	$11,484-$17,076
	SUPERIOR COURT	
68	Judges	$47,928-$49,500
74	Staff personnel	$14,916-$29,880
40	Secretarial personnel	$ 9,264-$15,612
	DISTRICT COURT	
142	Judges	$38,808-$40,344
611	Magistrates	$ 9,936-$15,372
33	Staff personnel	$10,524-$15,612
6	Secretarial personnel	$ 9,264-$13,644
	DISTRICT ATTORNEYS	
35	District Attorneys	$44,580
273	Staff personnel	$12,012-$42,456
73	Secretarial personnel	$ 8,856-$15,612
	CLERKS OF SUPERIOR COURT	
100	Clerks of Superior Court	$20,016-$37,608
1,367	Staff personnel	$ 8,148-$24,732
7	Secretarial personnel	$ 9,264-$13,644
	INDIGENT REPRESENTATION	
6	Public Defenders	$44,580
54	Staff personnel	$12,540-$40,980
20	Secretarial personnel	$ 9,264-$15,612
4	Special counsel at mental hospitals	$18,000-$22,488
4	Secretarial personnel	$ 9,264-$13,644
	JUVENILE PROBATION AND AFTERCARE	
274	Court counselors	$12,012-$28,500
53	Secretarial personnel	$ 8,856-$15,612
	ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS	
1	Administrative Officer of the Courts	$50,940
1	Assistant Director	$36,384
114	Staff personnel	$10,524-$37,908

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PART IV

TRIAL COURTS CASEFLOW DATA

- **Superior Court Division**
- **District Court Division**

TRIAL COURTS CASE DATA

This part of the *Annual Report* presents pertinent data on a district-by-district and county-by-county basis. For ease of reference, this part is divided into a superior court division section and a district court division section.

The data within the two sections generally parallel each other in terms of organization, with each section subdivided into civil and criminal case categories. With some exceptions, there are three basic data tables for each case category: a caseload inventory (filings, dispositions and pending) table; a table on the manner of dispositions; and a table on ages of cases disposed of during the year and ages of cases pending at the end of the year. Pending and age data are not provided for district court motor vehicle criminal cases, for civil cases (small claims) referred to magistrates, and for juvenile cases, inasmuch as these categories of cases are not reported by case file number.

The caseload inventory tables provide a statistical picture of caseflow during the 1982-83 year. Items recorded in this table include the number of cases pending at the beginning of the year, the number of new cases filed, the number of cases disposed of during the year, and the number of cases left pending at the end of the year. The caseload inventory also shows the total caseload (the number pending at the beginning of the year plus the number filed during the year) and the percentage of the caseload which was disposed of during the year.

The aging tables show the ages of the cases pending on June 30, 1983 as well as the ages of the cases disposed of during 1982-83. These tables also show both mean (average) and median ages for each set of cases—those pending at the end of the year and those that were disposed of during the year. The median age of a group of cases is, by definition, the age of a hypothetical case which is older than 50% of the total set of cases and younger than the other 50%.

Unlike the median, the mean age can be substantially raised (or lowered) if even a small number of very old (or very young) cases are included. For example, if only a single two-year old case was included among ten cases aged three months, the median age would be 90 days and the mean (average) age would be 148.2 days. A substantial difference between the median and average ages, therefore, indicates the presence of a number of rather long-pending, or short-pending, cases.

Separate summary tables at the end of Part IV show the comparative rankings, for the 1982-83 year, in terms of percentage of disposition of caseloads for the 34 judicial districts and the 100 counties.

The case statistics in Part IV have been calculated from filing and disposition case data submitted to the Administrative Office of the Courts by the 100 clerks of superior court across the State. The present case reporting system is primarily a manual one: weekly reports from each clerk's office are mailed to Raleigh, where they are computer-coded, entered and processed. Pending case information is computer-calculated from the filing and disposition data. The accuracy of the pending case figures is, of course, dependent upon timely and accurate filing and disposition data.

Periodic comparisons by clerk personnel of their actual pending case files against AOC's computer-produced pending case lists, followed by indicated corrections, is necessary to maintain completely accurate data in the AOC computer file. Yet, staff resource in the clerks' offices is not sufficient to make such physical inventory checks as frequently and as completely as would be necessary to maintain full accuracy in AOC's computer files. Thus, it is recognized that some of the figures published in the following tables have errors of some degree.

Another accuracy-related problem inherent in a manual reporting system is the lack of absolute consistency in the published year-end and year-beginning pending figures. The number of cases pending at the end of a reporting year should ideally be identical with the number of published pending cases at the *beginning* of the next reporting year. In reality, this is rarely the case. Experience has shown that inevitably some filings and dispositions which occurred in the preceding year do not get reported until the subsequent year. The later-reported data is regarded as being more complete reporting and is used, thereby producing some differences between the prior year's end-pending figures and the current year's beginning-pending figures.

Notwithstanding the indicated limitations in the data reporting and data-processing system, it is believed that the published figures are sufficiently adequate to fully justify their use. In any event, the published figures are the best and most accurate data currently available.

PART IV, Section 1

Superior Court Division

Caseflow Data

The Superior Court Division

This section contains data tables and accompanying charts depicting the caseflow during the 1982-83 year of cases pending, filed and disposed of in the State's superior courts, that is, cases before superior court judges. Data is also presented on cases pending, filed and disposed of before the 100 clerks of superior court, who have original jurisdiction over estates cases and special proceedings.

There are, for statistical reporting purposes, three categories of cases filed in the superior courts: civil cases, felony cases which are within the original jurisdiction of the superior courts, and misdemeanor appeals from the district courts to superior courts, for trial *de novo*.

During 1982-83, as the bar graph on the following page illustrates, felony cases contributed the greatest proportion of all case filings (51.1%), misdemeanor appeals the second greatest proportion of all case filings (32.6%), with civil cases amounting to 16.3% of total case filings in the superior courts. There was a slight decrease in civil case filings during the 1982-83 year but this was more than offset by increases in the criminal case categories. The proportions for the three categories of cases are in line with the prevailing pattern of recent years.

As in previous years, the following second bar chart indicates that the "typical" superior court civil case takes considerably longer to dispose of than the "typical" criminal case. The bar chart shows that the numbers of cases filed and disposed of during 1982-83 in the two criminal case categories (felonies and misdemeanor appeals) are considerably larger than year-end case pending totals. On the other hand, the total number of civil cases pending at year's end is close to the number of filings and and dispositions.

Data presented in the second bar graph, as well as in the following tables covering the ages of superior court cases, clearly supports the longer disposition period conclusion regarding civil cases. The median-age data, which is presented in the second bar graph, shows that the median age of superior court civil cases pending on June 30, 1983 is 164 days. Similar data, covering pending cases in the felony and misdemeanor appeal categories, shows median ages of 80 and 66 days, respectively. For superior court civil case dispositions in 1982-83, the median case age at disposition was 302 days, compared to 81 days for felony cases at disposition and 66 days for misdemeanor appeals at disposition. Comparing this median-age data with the same information for 1981-82, it is significant that the median age of pending civil cases dropped from 254 days as of June 30, 1982 to 164 days as of June 30, 1983; and the median age for civil cases at disposition dropped from 307 days in 1981-82 to 302 days in 1982-83. This reflects an improvement in the overall pattern of both criminal and civil case dispositions.

The 1982-83 aging data for pending cases in the two criminal case categories show decreases from the median ages reported for 1981-82. The median age of pending felony cases dropped from 83 days as of June 30, 1982 to 80 days as of June 30, 1983, and a similar decrease was recorded in the median age of pending misdemeanor appeals from 69 days as of June 30, 1982 to 66 days as of June 30, 1983. The median age of felony cases at disposition also rose during the past fiscal year from 73 days in 1981-82 to 81 days in 1982-83. The median age of misdemeanor appeals at disposition increased from 62 days in 1981-82 to 66 days in 1982-83.

These differences in the median ages of cases disposed of or still pending in superior courts can be attributed in part to the priority given criminal cases. The right of a criminal case defendant to a "speedy trial" is guaranteed in both the United States and North Carolina Constitutions; and current North Carolina statutes (G.S. 15A-701 *et seq.*) prescribe that criminal cases must be tried within 120 days of filing unless there has been justifiable delay for one or more of the good causes specified in the statutes. No comparable "standard" for the speedy disposition of civil cases has been adopted in North Carolina, although the North Carolina Constitution does provide that "right and justice shall be administered without favor, denial, or delay" in the section declaring every person's right to legal remedy for "injury in his lands, goods, person or reputation." (Article I, Section 18, N. C. Constitution)

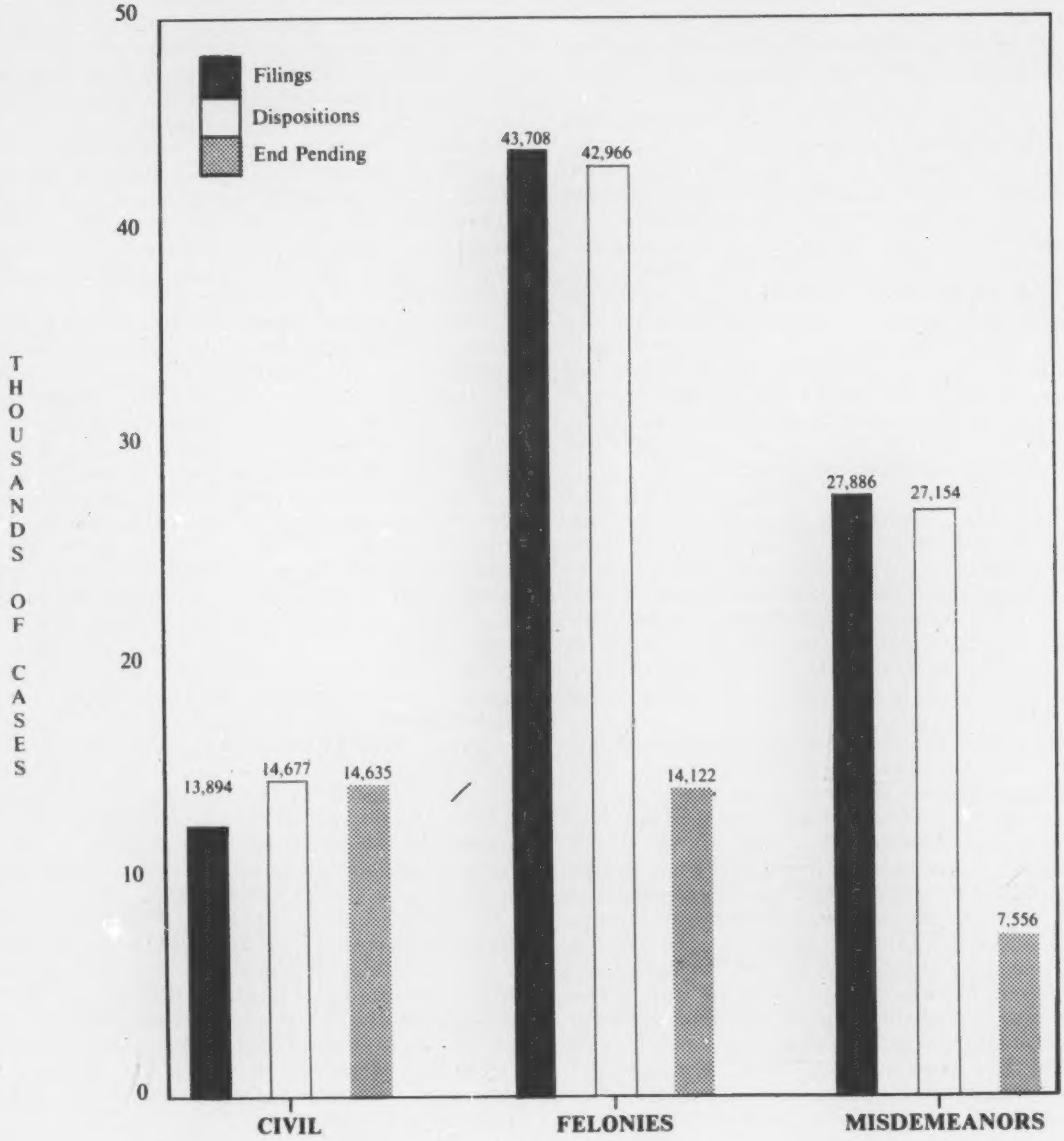
During 1982-83, a Statewide total of 85,488 cases of all types were filed in the superior courts. This represents an increase of only 917 (1.1%) over 1981-82 case filings of 84,571, which is less than the increase trend for filings in recent years. A review of similar data for the period between 1977 and the end of 1980-81 reveals that filings increased at an average rate of 10.2%.

As for the manner of dispositions, it is noteworthy that jury trials in superior court continue to be responsible for a low percentage of case dispositions: 899 civil cases (6.1%) out of a total of 14,677; 2,618 felony cases (6.1%) out of a total of 42,966; and 1,381 misdemeanor cases (5.1%) out of a total of 27,154 misdemeanor dispositions.

The data tables also show that pleas of guilty are entered in a majority (54.2%) of criminal case dispositions in the superior courts.

SUPERIOR COURT CASELOAD

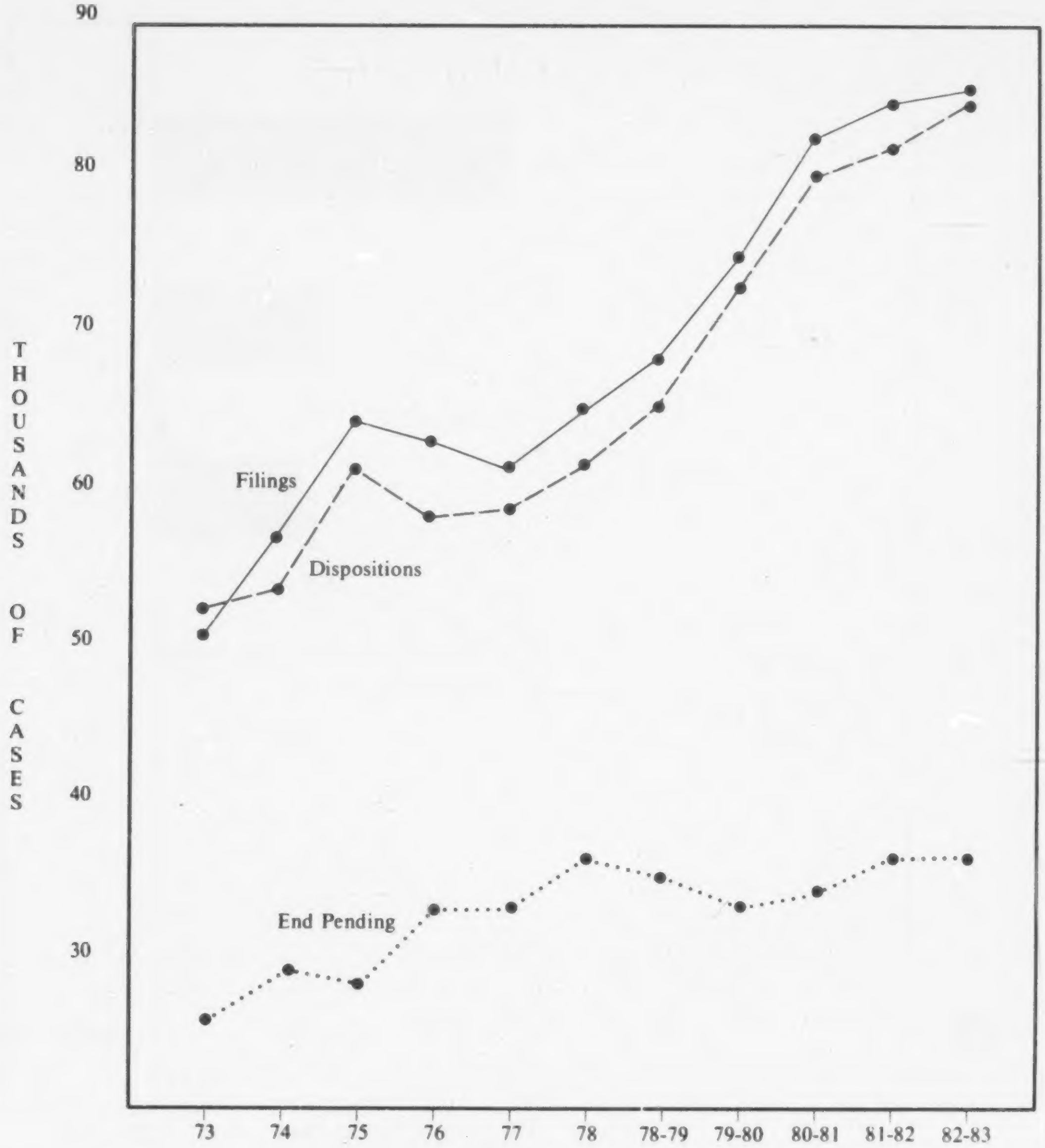
1982-83



For the second straight year, civil case dispositions exceeded (105.6%) the number of civil cases filed during the same period. Felony case filings in 1982-83 exceeded dispositions during that year by 742 cases. During the prior year, the excess of felony filings over felony dispositions was 2,087 cases.

CASELOAD TRENDS IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

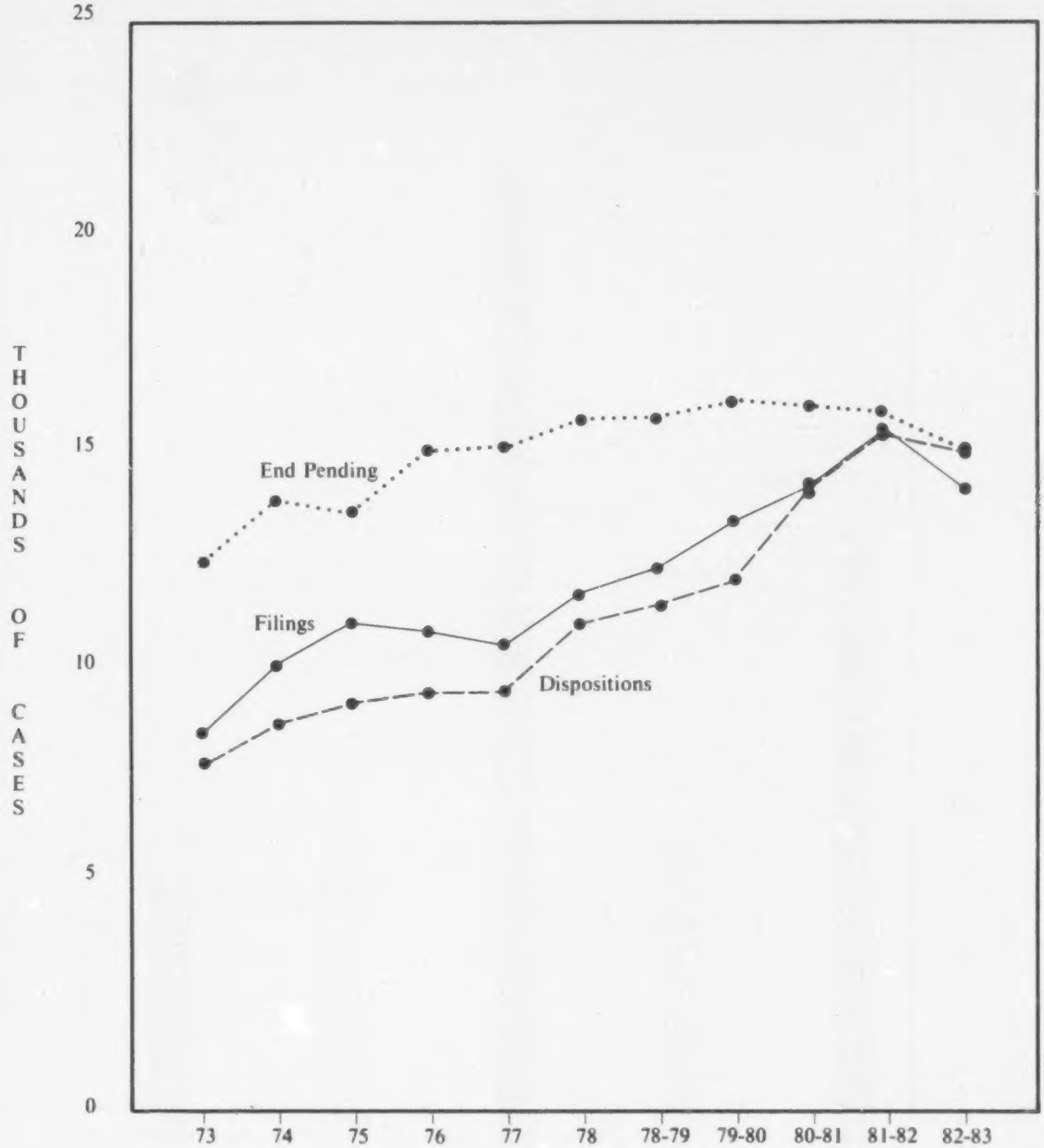
1973-1983



This graph portrays civil and criminal caseload in the superior courts. Filings and dispositions continued the increasing trend of the last five years. The year end pending case count increased by only 11 cases over last year.

CASELOAD TRENDS OF CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

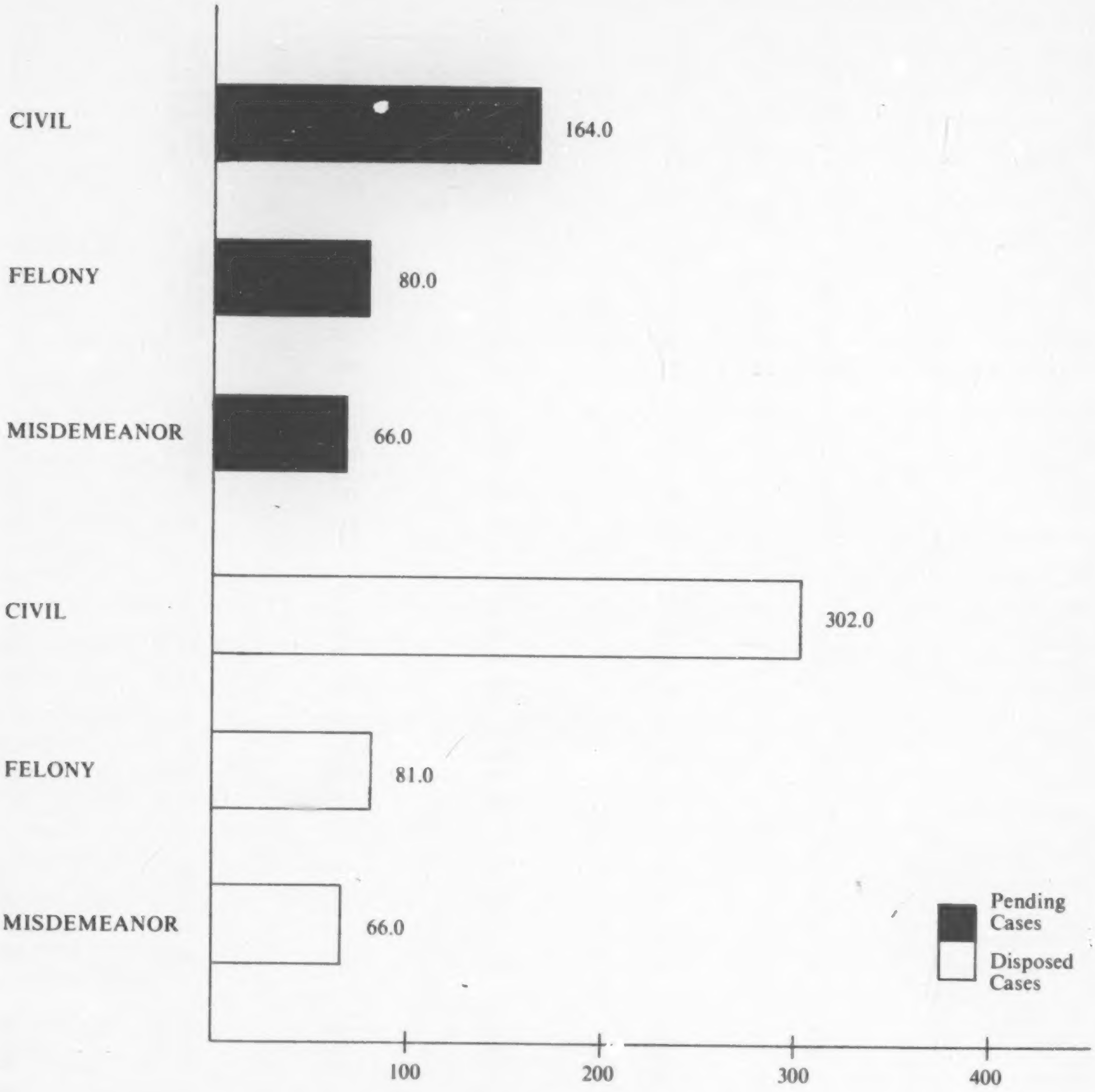
1973-1983



Dispositions for civil cases exceeded filings for the second year; as a result, the number of year-end pending cases was less than the number pending at the beginning of 1982-83.

LIFETIMES OF SUPERIOR COURT CASES

Median Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/83 and of Cases Disposed of During 1982-83



The median age of a case category is that age with respect to which 50% of all cases in the category are younger and 50% of all cases are older; it is the 50th percentile of ages of all cases in the category. As shown in the above graph, the median age of all civil superior court cases disposed of during 1982-83 was 302 days and the median age of all criminal superior court cases disposed of during 1982-83 was less than 81 days, reflecting the very substantially greater time taken to process civil cases through the superior courts. A similar relationship exists with respect to the median ages of pending civil and criminal cases.

CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

	Pending 7/1/82	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83
District 1						
Camden	19	11	30	19	63.3	11
Chowan	28	24	52	26	50.0	26
Currituck	33	31	64	38	59.3	26
Dare	85	84	169	76	44.9	93
Gates	13	9	22	12	54.5	10
Pasquotank	41	75	116	57	49.1	59
Perquimans	32	31	63	30	47.6	33
District Totals	251	265	516	258	50.0	258
District 2						
Beaufort	65	81	146	61	41.7	85
Hyde	15	17	32	14	43.7	18
Martin	39	35	74	41	55.4	33
Tyrrell	8	8	16	9	56.2	7
Washington	30	30	60	33	55.0	27
District Totals	157	171	328	158	48.1	170
District 3						
Carteret	136	124	260	121	46.5	139
Craven	174	193	367	183	49.8	184
Pamlico	15	21	36	19	52.7	17
Pitt	204	198	402	201	50.0	201
District Totals	529	536	1,065	524	49.2	541
District 4						
Duplin	100	87	187	86	45.9	101
Jones	18	21	39	18	46.1	21
Onslow	157	177	334	135	40.4	199
Sampson	71	75	146	78	53.4	68
District Totals	346	360	706	317	44.9	389
District 5						
New Hanover	251	213	464	261	56.2	203
Pender	51	13	64	28	43.7	36
District Totals	302	226	528	289	54.7	239
District 6						
Bertie	43	28	71	46	64.7	25
Halifax	78	64	142	63	44.3	79
Hertford	56	56	112	42	37.5	70
Northampton	35	34	69	26	37.6	43
District Totals	212	182	394	177	44.9	217
District 7						
Edgecombe	73	105	178	90	50.5	88
Nash	144	126	270	154	57.0	116
Wilson	105	100	205	106	51.7	99
District Totals	322	331	653	350	53.5	303
District 8						
Greene	12	14	26	11	42.3	15
Lenoir	133	161	294	156	53.0	138
Wayne	222	194	416	240	57.6	176
District Totals	367	369	736	407	55.2	329

CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

	Pending 7/1/82	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83
District 9						
Franklin	71	51	122	60	49.1	62
Granville	59	41	100	53	53.0	47
Person	34	28	62	33	53.2	29
Vance	78	68	146	73	50.0	73
Warren	24	21	45	21	46.6	24
District Totals	266	209	475	240	50.5	235
District 10						
Wake	1,309	1,309	2,618	1,409	53.8	1,209
District 11						
Harnett	95	143	238	128	53.7	110
Johnston	162	269	431	292	67.7	139
Lee	63	73	136	87	63.9	49
District Totals	320	485	805	507	62.9	298
District 12						
Cumberland	399	430	829	355	42.8	474
Hoke	4	17	21	10	47.6	11
District Totals	403	447	850	365	42.9	485
District 13						
Bladen	34	60	94	52	55.3	42
Brunswick	75	59	134	73	54.4	61
Columbus	141	104	245	107	43.6	138
District Totals	250	223	473	232	49.0	241
District 14						
Durham	462	452	914	484	52.9	430
District 15A						
Alamance	187	156	343	165	48.1	178
District 15B						
Chatham	35	57	92	51	55.4	41
Orange	152	151	303	145	47.8	158
District Totals	187	208	395	196	49.6	199
District 16						
Robeson	133	139	272	142	52.2	130
Scotland	31	18	49	34	69.3	15
District Totals	164	157	321	176	54.8	145
District 17A						
Caswell	17	13	30	21	70.0	9
Rockingham	120	131	251	158	62.9	93
District Totals	137	144	281	179	63.7	102
District 17B						
Stokes	25	28	53	36	67.9	17
Surry	100	157	257	143	55.6	114
District Totals	125	185	310	179	57.7	131

CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

	Pending 7/1/82	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83
District 18						
Guilford						
Greensboro	1,310	849	2,159	886	41.0	1,273
High Point	259	219	478	208	43.5	270
District Totals	1,569	1,068	2,637	1,094	41.4	1,543
District 19A						
Cabarrus	176	109	285	139	48.7	146
Rowan	149	156	305	177	58.0	128
District Totals	325	265	590	316	53.5	274
District 19B						
Montgomery	22	12	34	14	41.1	20
Randolph	171	117	288	132	45.8	156
District Totals	193	129	322	146	45.3	176
District 20						
Anson	67	50	117	49	41.8	68
Moore	161	61	222	98	44.1	124
Richmond	126	50	176	82	46.5	94
Stanly	94	62	156	58	37.1	98
Union	162	132	294	158	53.7	136
District Totals	610	355	965	445	46.1	520
District 21						
Forsyth	571	702	1,273	695	54.5	578
District 22						
Alexander	11	40	51	20	39.2	31
Davidson	156	182	338	193	57.1	145
Davie	49	51	100	46	46.0	54
Iredell	130	191	321	192	59.8	129
District Totals	346	464	810	451	55.6	359
District 23						
Alleghany	5	16	21	9	42.8	12
Ashe	17	19	36	16	44.4	20
Wilkes	146	104	250	124	49.6	126
Yadkin	24	37	61	29	47.5	32
District Totals	192	176	368	178	48.3	190
District 24						
Avery	25	55	80	35	43.7	45
Madison	30	29	59	22	37.2	37
Mitchell	24	27	51	25	49.0	26
Watauga	67	74	141	68	48.2	73
Yancey	21	18	39	22	56.4	17
District Totals	167	203	370	172	46.4	198
District 25						
Burke	195	155	350	149	42.5	201
Caldwell	174	130	304	151	49.6	153
Catawba	290	288	578	313	54.1	265
District Totals	659	573	1,232	613	49.7	619
District 26						
Mecklenburg	2,480	1,788	4,268	1,944	45.5	2,324

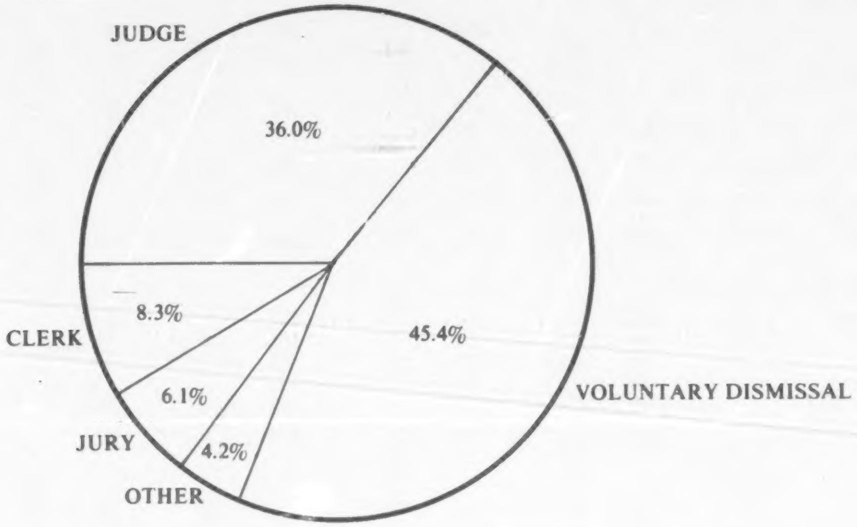
CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

	Pending 7/1/82	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83
District 27A						
Gaston	577	406	983	601	61.1	382
District 27B						
Cleveland	132	150	282	158	56.0	124
Lincoln	40	74	114	67	58.7	47
District Totals	172	224	396	225	56.8	171
District 28						
Buncombe	506	543	1,049	589	56.1	460
District 29						
Henderson	171	112	283	109	38.5	174
McDowell	51	50	101	55	54.4	46
Polk	20	21	41	19	46.3	22
Rutherford	95	86	181	73	40.3	108
Transylvania	42	49	91	46	50.5	45
District Totals	379	318	697	302	43.3	395
District 30						
Cherokee	43	25	68	38	55.8	30
Clay	12	11	23	17	73.9	6
Graham	17	6	23	13	56.5	10
Haywood	97	84	181	79	43.6	102
Jackson	122	57	179	78	43.5	101
Macon	49	57	106	36	33.9	70
Swain	36	25	61	33	54.0	28
District Totals	376	265	641	294	45.8	347
State Totals	15,418	13,894	29,312	14,677	50.0	14,635

METHODS OF DISPOSITION OF SUPERIOR COURT CIVIL CASES

1982-1983



The above graph of disposition methods for civil superior cases during 1982-83 is very similar to the comparable graph for previous years. As in the past, voluntary dismissals represent the largest number of dispositions. When compared to 1981-82, these percentages show increased dispositions within the voluntary dismissal and judge categories, and declines in the clerk and other categories.

MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

	Total Dispositions	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
District 1						
Camden	19	2	2	3	7	5
Chowan	26	10	2	8	4	2
Currituck	38	16	0	7	12	3
Dare	76	18	2	8	38	10
Gates	12	7	0	3	1	1
Pasquotank	57	18	1	17	17	4
Perquimans	30	7	1	6	13	3
District Totals	258	78	8	52	92	28
District 2						
Beaufort	61	17	5	8	14	17
Hyde	14	5	1	0	7	1
Martin	41	14	3	4	12	8
Tyrrell	9	3	0	0	3	3
Washington	33	16	0	4	11	2
District Totals	158	55	9	16	47	31
District 3						
Carteret	121	35	8	8	56	14
Craven	183	54	20	17	85	7
Pamlico	19	2	1	3	8	5
Pitt	201	78	7	18	98	0
District Totals	524	169	36	46	247	26
District 4						
Duplin	86	27	13	7	34	5
Jones	18	4	0	4	9	1
Onslow	135	44	11	1	73	6
Sampson	78	25	9	5	39	0
District Totals	317	100	33	17	155	12
District 5						
New Hanover	261	88	11	15	147	0
Pender	28	15	3	0	9	1
District Totals	289	103	14	15	156	1
District 6						
Bertie	46	24	1	5	15	1
Halifax	63	34	0	7	16	6
Hertford	42	21	1	8	12	0
Northampton	26	7	1	2	14	2
District Totals	177	86	3	22	57	9
District 7						
Edgecombe	90	33	2	8	47	0
Nash	154	47	8	12	84	3
Wilson	106	46	7	9	43	1
District Totals	350	126	17	29	174	4
District 8						
Greene	11	7	1	0	0	3
Lenoir	156	45	12	21	78	0
Wayne	240	111	8	22	99	0
District Totals	407	163	21	43	177	3

MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

	Total Dispositions	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
District 9						
Franklin	60	26	0	1	31	2
Granville	53	18	5	1	28	1
Person	33	10	0	1	21	1
Vance	73	21	0	6	44	2
Warren	21	10	0	3	7	1
District Totals	240	85	5	12	131	7
District 10						
Wake	1,409	706	62	77	517	47
District 11						
Harnett	128	42	18	5	62	1
Johnston	292	101	21	83	86	1
Lee	87	25	9	8	44	1
District Totals	507	168	48	96	192	3
District 12						
Cumberland	355	91	20	15	228	1
Hoke	10	7	0	0	1	2
District Totals	365	98	20	15	229	3
District 13						
Bladen	52	18	2	4	27	1
Brunswick	73	39	0	4	29	1
Columbus	107	34	11	7	51	4
District Totals	232	91	13	15	107	6
District 14						
Durham	484	160	38	65	205	16
District 15A						
Alamance	165	52	5	24	80	4
District 15B						
Chatham	51	12	4	6	12	17
Orange	145	48	15	7	73	2
District Totals	196	60	19	13	85	19
District 16						
Robeson	142	62	12	6	49	13
Scotland	34	14	2	4	14	0
District Totals	176	76	14	10	63	13
District 17A						
Caswell	21	8	0	3	8	2
Rockingham	158	50	19	19	68	2
District Totals	179	58	19	22	76	4
District 17B						
Stokes	36	17	0	3	14	2
Surry	143	58	0	27	58	0
District Totals	179	75	0	30	72	2

MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

	Total Dispositions	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
District 18 Guilford						
Greensboro	886	304	49	54	454	25
High Point	208	58	16	26	100	8
District Totals	1,094	362	65	80	554	33
District 19A						
Cabarrus	139	42	9	10	78	0
Rowan	177	53	16	9	97	2
District Totals	316	95	25	19	175	2
District 19B						
Montgomery	14	5	1	0	8	0
Randolph	132	62	11	5	50	4
District Totals	146	67	12	5	58	4
District 20						
Anson	49	12	5	5	27	0
Moore	98	39	4	6	48	1
Richmond	82	38	2	11	18	13
Stanly	58	21	2	2	32	1
Union	158	45	3	30	79	1
District Totals	445	155	16	54	204	16
District 21						
Forsyth	695	211	50	54	359	21
District 22						
Alexander	20	7	0	2	11	0
Davidson	193	71	16	25	76	5
Davie	46	10	1	3	28	4
Iredell	192	70	4	19	80	19
District Totals	451	158	21	49	195	28
District 23						
Alleghany	9	5	0	2	0	2
Ashe	16	7	0	1	7	1
Wilkes	124	44	5	4	70	1
Yadkin	29	6	6	0	16	1
District Totals	178	62	11	7	93	5
District 24						
Avery	35	16	0	2	1	16
Madison	22	4	5	2	11	0
Mitchell	25	8	1	2	12	2
Watauga	68	24	0	5	37	2
Yancey	22	9	2	0	11	0
District Totals	172	61	8	11	72	20
District 25						
Burke	149	57	16	15	59	2
Caldwell	151	58	9	10	23	51
Catawba	313	109	13	35	83	73
District Totals	613	224	38	60	165	126
District 26						
Mecklenburg	1,944	607	110	150	1,014	63

MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

	Total Dispositions	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
District 27A						
Gaston	601	205	54	18	320	4
District 27B						
Cleveland	158	55	6	11	79	7
Lincoln	67	26	6	8	26	1
District Totals	225	81	12	19	105	8
District 28						
Buncombe	589	231	65	45	233	15
District 29						
Henderson	109	43	4	7	53	2
McDowell	55	26	0	3	25	1
Polk	19	7	0	0	10	2
Rutherford	73	18	12	4	30	9
Transylvania	46	21	1	2	20	2
District Totals	302	115	17	16	138	16
District 30						
Cherokee	38	24	1	1	7	5
Clay	17	1	3	0	5	8
Graham	13	3	2	1	6	1
Haywood	79	38	0	8	30	3
Jackson	78	47	1	2	27	1
Macon	36	12	0	0	20	4
Swain	33	12	4	2	14	1
District Totals	294	137	11	14	109	23
State Totals	14,677	5,280	899	1,220	6,656	622

AGES OF CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/83 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1982-83

	Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)					Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)				
				0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730				0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730
District 1																
Camden	11	541.7	505.0	2	1	0	6	2	19	388.2	125.0	9	2	0	4	4
Chowan	26	721.3	304.0	3	2	9	5	7	26	904.2	244.5	6	6	4	4	6
Currituck	26	382.6	188.5	8	5	3	4	6	38	439.5	244.5	11	6	4	10	7
Dare	93	422.0	261.0	18	18	22	19	16	76	442.1	280.5	14	16	15	12	19
Gates	10	395.3	382.5	0	3	2	4	1	12	477.0	525.5	4	0	1	5	2
Pasquotank	59	232.5	176.0	19	11	18	9	2	57	278.2	218.0	17	9	12	17	2
Perquimans	33	331.6	246.0	7	8	6	7	5	30	363.6	288.5	8	4	4	9	5
District Totals	258	397.4	249.0	57	48	60	54	39	258	440.6	267.5	69	43	40	61	45
District 2																
Beaufort	85	280.2	240.0	22	15	20	25	3	61	502.0	253.0	16	8	15	12	10
Hyde	18	344.6	233.0	6	1	7	2	2	14	460.6	335.0	2	1	5	3	3
Martin	33	375.0	252.0	8	3	9	7	6	41	455.5	300.0	10	4	12	8	7
Tyrrell	7	425.9	258.0	1	1	3	1	1	9	277.2	228.0	2	1	4	2	0
Washington	27	273.5	175.0	10	4	6	6	1	33	326.3	323.0	6	2	11	13	1
District Totals	170	310.4	242.0	47	24	45	41	13	158	436.8	290.0	36	16	47	38	21
District 3																
Carteret	139	318.2	293.0	22	28	39	41	9	121	386.4	333.0	22	17	22	42	18
Craven	184	305.1	228.5	42	33	56	40	13	183	312.6	245.0	41	28	61	39	14
Pamlico	17	220.3	184.0	3	5	6	3	0	19	341.9	301.0	7	0	4	7	1
Pitt	201	287.2	210.0	57	35	42	55	12	201	337.1	260.0	42	31	62	47	19
District Totals	541	299.2	234.0	124	101	143	139	34	524	340.1	266.5	112	76	149	135	52
District 4																
Duplin	101	402.8	281.0	22	11	25	22	21	86	335.0	238.5	19	17	18	24	8
Jones	21	438.7	240.0	2	4	9	2	4	18	454.0	363.0	3	1	5	6	3
Onslow	199	357.7	245.0	39	41	53	45	21	135	420.5	311.0	24	26	28	33	24
Sampson	68	310.2	225.5	12	15	20	15	6	78	314.5	234.0	18	14	19	19	8
District Totals	389	365.5	240.0	75	71	107	84	52	317	373.1	273.0	64	58	70	82	43
District 5																
New Hanover	203	332.0	273.0	34	40	51	64	14	261	340.2	277.0	65	21	76	73	26
Pender	36	653.6	635.5	3	3	3	13	14	28	782.2	795.0	0	0	7	4	17
District Totals	239	380.4	318.0	37	43	54	77	28	289	383.0	303.0	65	21	83	77	43
District 6																
Bertie	25	348.9	191.0	7	5	5	5	3	46	323.5	319.0	9	4	20	10	3
Halifax	79	500.2	357.0	11	9	21	25	13	63	381.8	315.0	13	14	10	18	8
Hertford	70	440.2	228.0	17	15	9	18	11	42	273.2	216.0	13	4	12	12	1
Northampton	43	374.9	240.0	5	10	11	11	6	26	439.6	253.0	7	4	4	6	5
District Totals	217	438.6	295.0	40	39	46	59	33	177	349.4	312.0	42	26	46	46	17

AGES OF CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/83 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1982-83

				Ages of Pending Cases (Days)								Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)				
	Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730
District 7																
Edgecombe	88	217.1	132.0	32	20	17	16	3	90	263.0	174.5	21	28	18	18	5
Nash	116	341.7	213.0	27	22	34	21	12	154	439.3	363.5	29	14	33	48	30
Wilson	99	314.3	224.0	18	24	25	25	7	106	385.5	265.5	23	17	28	21	17
District Totals	303	296.6	190.0	77	66	76	62	22	350	377.7	268.5	73	59	79	87	52
District 8																
Greene	15	239.2	230.0	4	3	6	1	1	11	357.4	391.0	3	1	1	5	1
Lenoir	138	238.0	153.0	43	36	31	24	4	156	314.3	278.0	29	18	53	50	6
Wayne	176	328.4	227.5	43	31	44	41	17	240	366.7	313.5	49	23	67	75	26
District Totals	329	286.4	196.0	90	70	81	66	22	407	346.4	299.5	81	42	121	130	33
District 9																
Franklin	62	432.4	335.0	10	5	18	18	11	60	511.8	324.0	8	12	15	15	10
Granville	47	340.0	272.0	4	10	15	14	4	53	467.6	394.0	8	5	10	19	11
Person	29	435.2	449.0	4	4	5	11	5	33	320.5	212.0	8	7	4	11	3
Vance	73	286.3	157.0	17	21	12	19	4	73	343.8	231.0	17	15	12	21	8
Warren	24	390.2	216.5	7	3	5	4	5	21	444.0	298.0	3	2	6	8	2
District Totals	235	364.6	266.0	42	43	55	66	29	240	418.7	318.5	44	41	47	74	34
District 10																
Wake	1,209	299.9	232.0	303	203	329	276	98	1,409	307.4	239.0	300	290	402	316	101
District 11																
Harnett	110	223.2	187.5	19	35	37	17	2	128	278.0	196.5	33	27	24	38	6
Johnston	139	231.6	157.0	44	29	35	26	5	292	196.1	113.0	126	54	60	48	4
Lee	49	212.1	142.0	10	19	12	7	1	87	344.4	274.0	16	11	30	21	9
District Totals	298	225.3	165.5	73	83	84	50	8	507	242.2	161.0	175	92	114	107	19
District 12																
Cumberland	474	323.9	249.5	101	87	125	116	45	355	384.5	325.0	75	42	80	112	46
Hoke	11	243.9	141.0	4	2	2	3	0	10	88.8	60.5	7	1	2	0	0
District Totals	485	322.1	244.0	105	89	127	119	45	365	376.4	314.0	82	43	82	112	46
District 13																
Bladen	42	202.5	163.5	14	8	11	9	0	52	247.9	163.5	13	14	10	14	1
Brunswick	61	369.5	337.0	7	9	20	15	10	73	420.3	370.0	8	12	15	30	8
Columbus	138	395.0	295.0	25	20	34	38	21	107	450.5	421.0	18	16	17	35	21
District Totals	241	355.0	282.0	46	37	65	62	31	232	395.6	334.5	39	42	42	79	30
District 14																
Durham	430	286.0	206.0	103	86	116	93	32	484	386.0	300.5	99	72	104	142	67

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Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/83 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1982-83

	Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)					Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)				
				0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730				0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730
District 15A																
Alamance	178	432.2	342.5	27	31	37	54	29	165	459.8	294.0	49	18	23	36	39
District 15B																
Chatham	41	257.4	268.0	9	5	20	6	1	51	264.9	244.0	12	7	17	15	0
Orange	158	276.5	216.0	27	42	42	42	5	145	325.2	322.0	21	18	50	51	5
District Totals	199	272.6	238.0	36	47	62	48	6	196	309.5	293.5	33	25	67	66	5
District 16																
Robeson	130	318.3	284.0	31	16	35	37	11	142	361.5	313.5	34	14	33	47	14
Scotland	15	356.9	232.0	2	3	4	3	3	34	382.4	260.5	4	8	7	11	4
District Totals	145	322.3	276.0	33	19	39	40	14	176	365.5	294.0	38	22	40	58	18
District 17A																
Caswell	9	269.0	324.0	1	2	3	3	0	21	476.9	294.0	2	6	5	4	4
Rockingham	93	224.7	212.0	24	21	26	22	0	158	277.5	262.0	34	20	59	41	4
District Totals	102	228.6	212.0	25	23	29	25	0	179	300.9	263.0	36	26	64	45	8
District 17B																
Stokes	17	157.6	155.0	5	7	4	1	0	36	298.6	265.0	5	5	18	6	2
Surry	114	204.4	176.5	26	33	38	16	1	143	230.6	200.0	42	24	47	26	4
District Totals	131	198.3	156.0	31	40	42	17	1	179	244.3	207.0	47	29	65	32	6
District 18 Guilford																
Greensboro	1,273	491.9	392.0	198	147	258	340	330	886	710.2	478.5	170	91	133	147	345
High Point	270	390.7	329.5	36	53	55	91	35	208	493.0	291.5	41	33	40	32	62
District Totals	1,543	474.2	379.0	234	200	313	431	365	1,094	668.9	441.5	211	124	173	179	407
District 19A																
Cabarrus	146	488.2	317.0	21	18	44	38	25	139	471.6	435.0	23	7	24	63	22
Rowan	128	241.4	187.0	34	28	40	21	5	177	346.9	330.0	30	25	42	72	8
District Totals	274	372.9	254.0	55	46	84	59	30	316	401.8	376.0	53	32	66	135	30
District 19B																
Montgomery	20	462.6	428.0	2	1	4	10	3	14	505.1	362.0	1	3	3	5	2
Randolph	156	398.5	351.5	24	29	28	53	22	132	435.3	348.5	23	11	38	33	27
District Totals	176	405.8	362.5	26	30	32	63	25	146	442.0	348.5	24	14	41	38	29
District 20																
Anson	68	505.4	247.5	16	14	10	13	15	49	684.5	619.0	6	4	5	14	20
Moore	124	485.8	421.0	12	14	22	58	18	98	555.7	429.0	9	7	21	33	28
Richmond	94	728.5	531.5	9	11	14	23	37	82	537.3	542.5	11	8	10	21	32
Stanly	98	455.1	372.0	16	7	26	38	11	58	532.2	335.0	6	9	20	14	9
Union	136	313.5	259.5	27	24	37	42	6	158	382.7	358.5	31	18	32	61	16
District Totals	520	481.4	373.5	80	70	109	174	87	445	502.0	408.0	63	46	88	143	105

AGES OF CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/83 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1982-83

	Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	Ages of Pending Cases (Days) 0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days) 0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730
District 21																
Forsyth	578	238.7	177.0	166	125	175	89	23	695	346.6	271.0	139	90	229	173	64
District 22																
Alexander	31	165.4	125.0	9	9	12	1	0	20	231.4	129.5	8	4	2	5	1
Davidson	145	252.4	197.0	43	24	42	29	7	193	300.6	248.0	47	26	52	63	5
Davie	54	269.6	209.5	16	8	13	16	1	46	269.3	289.0	9	4	20	13	0
Iredell	129	262.0	196.0	30	29	35	30	5	192	229.0	180.0	63	33	53	35	8
District Totals	359	250.9	196.0	98	70	102	76	13	451	263.9	218.0	127	67	127	116	14
District 23																
Alleghany	12	174.7	132.5	3	5	3	1	0	9	214.1	204.0	3	0	5	1	0
Ashe	20	380.3	247.5	4	2	6	5	3	16	235.8	226.5	4	3	8	0	1
Wilkes	126	348.4	328.0	20	14	40	42	10	124	422.8	468.0	21	16	11	57	19
Yadkin	32	250.4	245.5	4	10	14	3	1	29	291.3	260.0	6	5	9	8	1
District Totals	190	324.3	278.0	31	31	63	51	14	178	374.0	357.0	34	24	33	66	21
District 24																
Avery	45	245.6	146.0	15	12	11	6	1	35	227.2	203.0	7	6	16	6	0
Madison	37	293.5	269.0	11	6	6	12	2	22	328.5	355.0	4	4	4	10	0
Mitchell	26	349.3	139.5	9	5	5	4	3	25	204.3	212.0	5	6	12	2	0
Watauga	73	293.1	247.0	26	8	17	15	7	68	246.8	207.0	12	16	23	17	0
Yancey	17	349.1	240.0	2	4	6	2	3	22	381.4	326.5	4	1	8	6	3
District Totals	198	294.6	184.0	63	35	45	39	16	172	264.3	222.5	32	33	63	41	3
District 25																
Burke	201	433.5	322.0	35	21	58	62	25	149	429.3	357.0	21	21	34	53	20
Caldwell	153	362.1	314.0	23	24	40	52	14	151	392.9	323.0	34	17	31	50	19
Catawba	265	251.6	212.0	57	56	93	47	12	313	356.7	340.0	66	33	75	112	27
District Totals	619	338.0	266.0	115	101	191	161	51	613	383.3	340.0	121	71	140	215	66
District 26																
Mecklenburg	2,324	387.4	343.0	414	298	509	830	273	1,944	459.1	368.5	386	218	360	461	519
District 27A																
Gaston	382	316.7	241.5	76	78	109	95	24	601	480.4	456.0	94	51	100	242	114
District 27B																
Cleveland	124	214.8	174.5	34	29	37	21	3	158	251.0	254.0	43	21	55	37	2
Lincoln	47	158.0	132.0	16	11	17	3	0	67	202.6	217.0	18	13	30	6	0
District Totals	171	199.2	241.5	50	40	54	24	3	225	236.6	228.0	61	34	85	43	2
District 28																
Buncombe	460	269.8	193.5	115	101	143	80	21	589	345.3	281.0	93	74	221	145	56

AGES OF CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

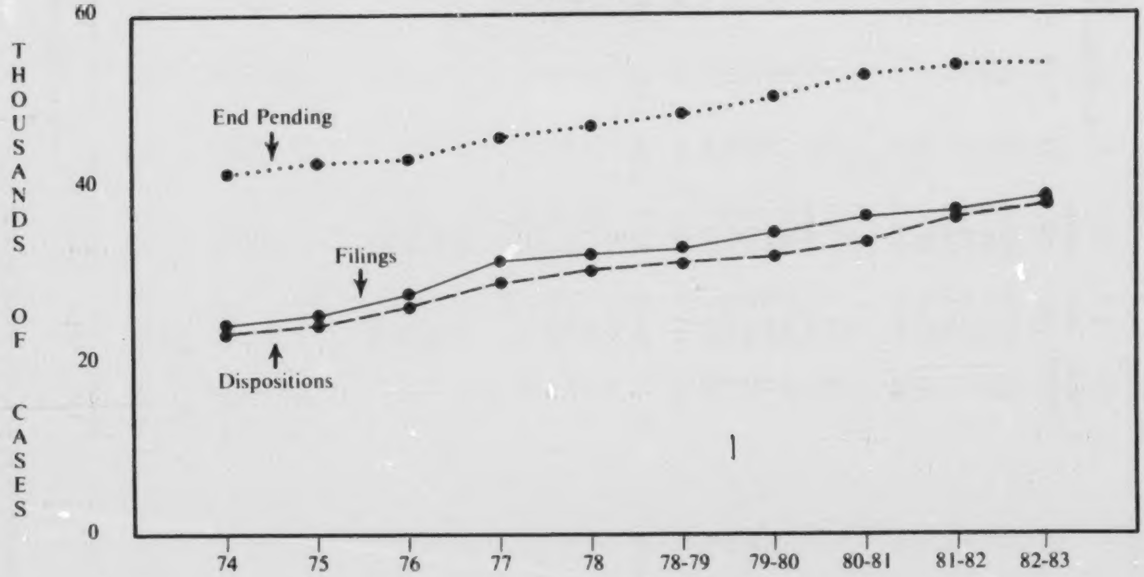
Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/83 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1982-83

	Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)					Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)				
				0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730				0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730
District 29																
Henderson	174	420.7	377.5	20	17	45	70	22	109	577.6	523.0	17	16	15	14	47
McDowell	46	313.2	202.0	9	12	13	7	5	55	439.1	344.0	8	6	15	17	9
Polk	22	415.1	316.0	5	2	6	3	6	19	403.8	315.0	2	5	4	5	3
Rutherford	108	358.2	313.0	12	18	35	33	10	73	429.8	369.0	11	13	12	21	16
Transylvania	45	267.7	198.0	10	12	9	13	1	46	395.4	294.5	10	5	13	14	4
District Totals	395	373.4	314.0	56	61	108	126	44	302	478.0	356.0	48	45	59	71	79
District 30																
Cherokee	30	422.7	347.5	4	3	8	12	3	38	442.2	278.0	6	5	13	10	4
Clay	6	308.0	250.5	0	1	3	2	0	17	427.9	246.0	2	4	3	6	2
Graham	10	363.7	422.0	2	2	0	4	2	13	508.5	486.0	1	0	4	6	2
Haywood	102	409.8	334.5	23	9	25	29	16	79	394.0	301.0	20	6	16	26	11
Jackson	101	581.4	503.0	11	15	15	23	37	78	644.0	652.0	12	5	11	13	37
Macon	70	483.6	262.0	16	10	15	18	11	36	376.2	283.5	11	5	5	9	6
Swain	28	515.0	390.5	5	2	7	6	8	33	412.7	224.0	6	8	7	3	9
District Totals	347	481.1	359.0	61	42	73	94	77	294	473.5	349.0	58	33	59	73	71
State Totals	14,635	351.5	164.0	3,011	2,491	3,707	3,824	1,602	14,677	400.0	302.0	3,028	1,997	3,529	3,864	2,259

CASELOAD TRENDS IN ESTATES AND SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS

1974-83

ESTATE CASES



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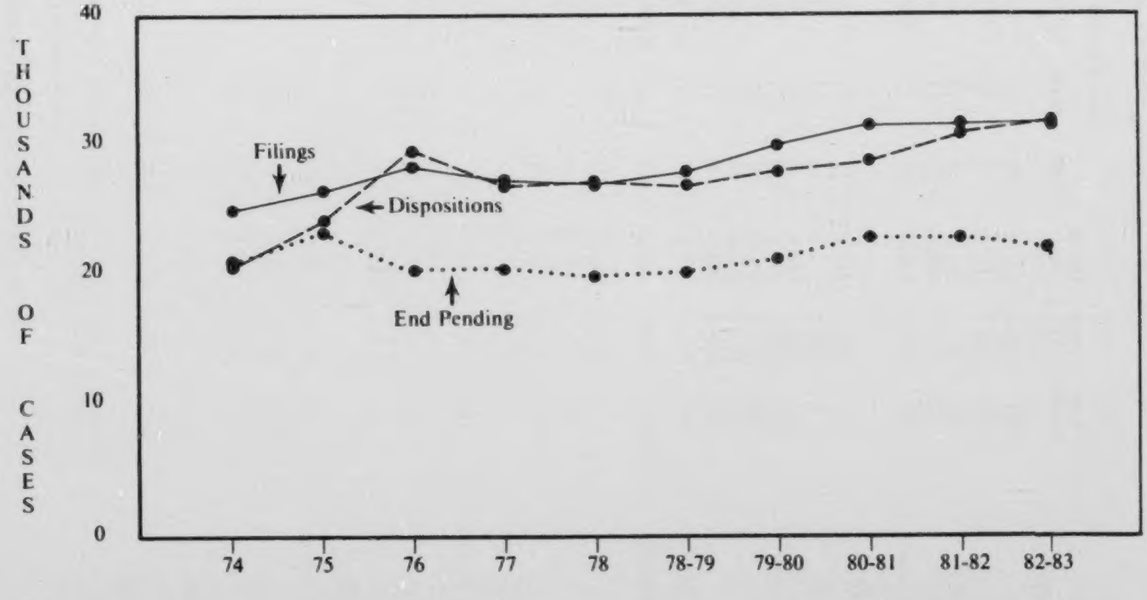

During 1982-83, estate caseloads continued the established increasing trend of the past. Special proceedings filings increased by only .5% over 1981-82 filings; dispositions increased by 4.0% during the year and exceeded filings for the first time since 1978. This difference is reflected in the decrease in pending cases at the end of the 1982-83 year.

CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR ESTATES AND SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE CLERKS OF SUPERIOR COURT

July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

	Estates						Special Proceedings					
	Pending 7/1/82	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83	Pending 7/1/82	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83
District 1												
Camden	40	61	101	59	58.4	42	19	20	39	23	58.9	16
Chowan	184	116	300	102	34.0	198	97	60	157	60	38.2	97
Currituck	111	99	210	88	41.9	122	52	77	129	67	51.9	62
Dare	493	166	659	111	16.8	548	112	104	216	92	42.5	124
Gates	60	77	137	56	40.8	81	17	26	43	32	74.4	11
Pasquotank	247	240	487	225	46.2	262	85	116	201	114	56.7	87
Perquimans	163	74	237	68	28.6	169	39	36	75	31	41.3	44
District Totals	1,298	833	2,131	709	33.2	1,422	421	439	860	419	48.7	441
District 2												
Beaufort	453	415	868	542	62.4	326	372	164	536	143	26.6	393
Hyde	58	128	186	122	65.5	64	34	47	81	35	43.2	46
Martin	245	199	444	161	36.2	283	111	127	238	93	39.0	145
Tyrrell	37	26	63	31	49.2	32	10	15	25	14	56.0	11
Washington	133	88	221	112	50.6	109	67	84	151	82	54.3	69
District Totals	926	856	1,782	968	54.3	814	594	437	1,031	367	35.5	664
District 3												
Carteret	388	326	714	324	45.3	390	125	171	296	165	55.7	131
Craven	490	372	862	390	45.2	472	167	281	448	251	56.0	197
Pamlico	83	88	171	69	40.3	102	53	36	89	59	66.2	30
Pitt	628	599	1,227	554	45.1	673	141	514	655	488	74.5	167
District Totals	1,589	1,385	2,974	1,337	44.9	1,637	486	1,002	1,488	963	64.7	525
District 4												
Duplin	464	359	823	310	37.6	513	425	260	685	328	47.8	357
Jones	70	102	172	79	45.9	93	70	45	115	42	36.5	73
Onslow	467	294	761	280	36.7	481	382	510	892	576	64.5	316
Sampson	453	375	828	335	40.4	493	149	274	423	224	52.9	199
District Totals	1,454	1,130	2,584	1,004	38.8	1,580	1,026	1,089	2,115	1,170	55.3	945
District 5												
New Hanover	1,270	731	2,001	739	36.9	1,262	213	769	982	715	72.8	267
Pender	201	171	372	144	38.7	228	117	104	221	91	41.1	130
District Totals	1,471	902	2,373	883	37.2	1,490	330	873	1,203	806	66.9	397
District 6												
Bertie	185	136	321	129	40.1	192	79	73	152	69	45.3	83
Halifax	615	398	1,013	318	31.3	695	478	296	774	337	43.5	437
Hertford	174	172	346	163	47.1	183	91	95	186	90	48.3	96
Northampton	182	172	354	180	50.8	174	75	105	180	114	63.3	66
District Totals	1,156	878	2,034	790	38.8	1,244	723	569	1,292	610	47.2	682
District 7												
Edgecombe	407	473	880	503	57.1	377	221	255	476	230	48.3	246
Nash	553	387	940	409	43.5	531	228	297	525	226	43.0	299
Wilson	651	456	1,107	395	35.6	712	348	307	655	266	40.6	389
District Totals	1,611	1,316	2,927	1,307	44.6	1,620	797	859	1,656	722	43.5	934
District 8												
Greene	117	153	270	171	63.3	99	70	73	143	77	53.8	66
Lenoir	365	494	859	464	54.0	395	242	457	699	532	76.1	167
Wayne	948	679	1,627	623	38.2	1,004	462	756	1,218	828	67.9	390
District Totals	1,430	1,326	2,756	1,258	45.6	1,498	774	1,286	2,060	1,437	69.7	623
District 9												
Franklin	400	178	578	185	32.0	393	230	157	387	182	47.0	205
Granville	234	235	469	230	49.0	239	48	354	402	346	86.0	56
Person	242	219	461	236	51.1	225	92	144	236	132	55.9	104
Vance	367	268	635	254	40.0	381	151	141	292	141	48.2	151
Warren	224	164	388	194	50.0	194	78	96	174	93	53.4	81
District Totals	1,467	1,064	2,531	1,099	43.4	1,432	599	892	1,491	894	59.9	597

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	Estates						Special Proceedings					
	Pending 7/1/82	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83	Pending 7/1/82	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83
District 10												
Wake	3,104	1,473	4,577	1,248	27.2	3,329	1,159	1,386	2,545	1,317	51.7	1,228
District 11												
Harnett	525	427	952	426	44.7	526	252	245	497	263	52.9	234
Johnston	681	495	1,176	698	59.3	478	150	550	700	537	76.7	163
Lee	477	219	696	213	30.6	483	329	183	512	190	37.1	322
District Totals	1,683	1,141	2,824	1,337	47.3	1,487	731	978	1,709	990	57.9	719
District 12												
Cumberland	761	813	1,574	760	48.2	814	507	1,193	1,700	1,116	65.6	584
Hoke	112	82	194	99	51.0	95	61	87	148	87	58.7	61
District Totals	873	895	1,768	859	48.5	909	568	1,280	1,848	1,203	65.0	645
District 13												
Bladen	131	137	268	130	48.5	138	57	211	268	209	77.9	59
Brunswick	310	305	615	223	36.2	392	186	246	432	248	57.4	184
Columbus	388	327	715	306	42.7	409	444	251	695	221	31.7	474
District Totals	829	769	1,598	659	41.2	939	687	708	1,395	678	48.6	717
District 14												
Durham	1,623	1,108	2,731	1,024	37.4	1,707	229	1,070	1,299	1,017	78.2	282
District 15A												
Alamance	674	701	1,375	652	47.4	723	210	511	721	497	68.9	224
District 15B												
Chatham	331	235	566	252	44.5	314	130	148	278	119	42.8	159
Orange	779	458	1,237	346	27.9	891	496	586	1,082	480	44.3	602
District Totals	1,110	693	1,803	598	33.1	1,205	626	734	1,360	599	44.0	761
District 16												
Robeson	499	620	1,119	544	48.6	575	227	472	699	402	57.5	297
Scotland	292	199	491	236	48.0	255	165	142	307	116	37.7	191
District Totals	791	819	1,610	780	48.4	830	392	614	1,006	518	51.4	488
District 17A												
Caswell	142	131	273	131	47.9	142	117	85	202	144	71.2	58
Rockingham	758	770	1,528	594	38.8	934	535	375	910	512	56.2	398
District Totals	900	901	1,801	725	40.2	1,076	652	460	1,112	656	58.9	456
District 17B												
Stokes	208	203	411	201	48.9	210	55	167	222	152	68.4	70
Surry	527	429	956	497	51.9	459	165	390	555	386	69.5	169
District Totals	735	632	1,367	698	51.0	669	220	557	777	538	69.2	239
District 18												
Guilford	2,978	2,195	5,173	2,125	41.0	3,048	928	1,915	2,843	2,070	72.8	773
District 19A												
Cabarrus	814	617	1,431	633	44.2	798	265	408	673	420	62.4	253
Rowan	1,035	811	1,846	893	48.3	953	338	898	1,236	964	77.9	272
District Totals	1,849	1,428	3,277	1,526	46.5	1,751	603	1,306	1,909	1,384	72.4	525
District 19B												
Montgomery	166	178	344	172	50.0	172	216	190	406	285	70.1	121
Randolph	569	643	1,212	644	53.1	568	214	367	581	450	77.4	131
District Totals	735	821	1,556	816	52.4	740	430	557	987	735	74.4	252

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	Estates						Special Proceedings					
	Pending 7/1/82	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83	Pending 7/1/82	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83
District 20												
Anson	446	137	583	107	18.3	476	143	82	225	88	39.1	137
Moore	835	492	1,327	579	43.6	748	155	250	405	281	69.3	124
Richmond	805	293	1,098	445	40.5	653	411	169	580	274	47.2	306
Stanly	1,097	364	1,461	607	41.5	854	284	192	476	170	35.7	306
Union	604	364	968	566	58.4	402	309	266	575	462	80.3	113
District Totals	3,787	1,650	5,437	2,304	42.3	3,133	1,302	959	2,261	1,275	56.3	986
District 21												
Forsyth	2,031	1,572	3,603	1,580	43.8	2,023	252	1,324	1,576	1,275	80.9	301
District 22												
Alexander	120	145	265	128	48.3	137	34	158	192	149	77.6	43
Davidson	743	704	1,447	672	46.4	775	238	412	650	477	73.3	173
Davie	142	143	285	145	50.8	140	96	147	243	149	61.3	94
Iredell	676	631	1,307	589	45.0	718	160	413	573	382	66.6	191
District Totals	1,681	1,623	3,304	1,534	46.4	1,770	528	1,130	1,658	1,157	69.7	501
District 23												
Alleghany	93	73	166	73	43.9	93	16	56	72	51	70.8	21
Ashe	165	153	318	156	49.0	162	48	120	168	85	50.5	83
Wilkes	334	279	613	243	39.6	370	406	387	793	487	61.4	306
Yadkin	246	210	456	177	38.8	279	80	137	217	142	65.4	75
District Totals	838	715	1,553	649	41.7	904	550	700	1,250	765	61.2	485
District 24												
Avery	128	79	207	81	39.1	126	62	107	169	93	55.0	76
Madison	170	87	257	101	39.2	156	73	53	126	65	51.5	61
Mitchell	418	124	542	77	14.2	465	55	85	140	77	55.0	63
Watauga	245	157	402	128	31.8	274	148	171	319	173	54.2	146
Yancey	151	110	261	71	27.2	190	67	46	113	22	19.4	91
District Totals	1,112	557	1,669	458	27.4	1,211	405	462	867	430	49.5	437
District 25												
Burke	716	430	1,146	397	34.6	749	182	486	668	481	72.0	187
Caldwell	612	393	1,005	388	38.6	617	295	385	680	506	74.4	174
Catawba	1,115	659	1,774	600	33.8	1,174	329	443	772	565	73.1	207
District Totals	2,443	1,482	3,925	1,385	35.2	2,540	806	1,314	2,120	1,552	73.2	568
District 26												
Mecklenburg	3,469	2,658	6,127	2,643	43.1	3,484	1,777	2,202	3,979	1,907	47.9	2,072
District 27A												
Gaston	1,495	1,022	2,517	932	37.0	1,585	767	753	1,520	763	50.1	757
District 27B												
Cleveland	567	552	1,119	482	43.0	637	161	499	660	518	78.4	142
Lincoln	262	265	527	256	48.5	271	97	217	314	230	73.2	84
District Totals	829	817	1,646	738	44.8	908	258	716	974	748	76.7	226
District 28												
Buncombe	1,996	1,259	3,255	1,178	36.1	2,077	795	980	1,775	888	50.0	887
District 29												
Henderson	665	548	1,213	521	42.9	692	142	267	409	251	61.3	158
McDowell	317	220	537	167	31.0	370	236	165	401	241	60.0	160
Polk	217	166	383	163	42.5	220	29	74	103	79	76.6	24
Rutherford	422	446	868	397	45.7	471	300	294	594	254	42.7	340
Transylvania	446	200	646	155	23.9	491	252	113	365	72	19.7	293
District Totals	2,067	1,580	3,647	1,403	38.4	2,244	959	913	1,872	897	47.9	975

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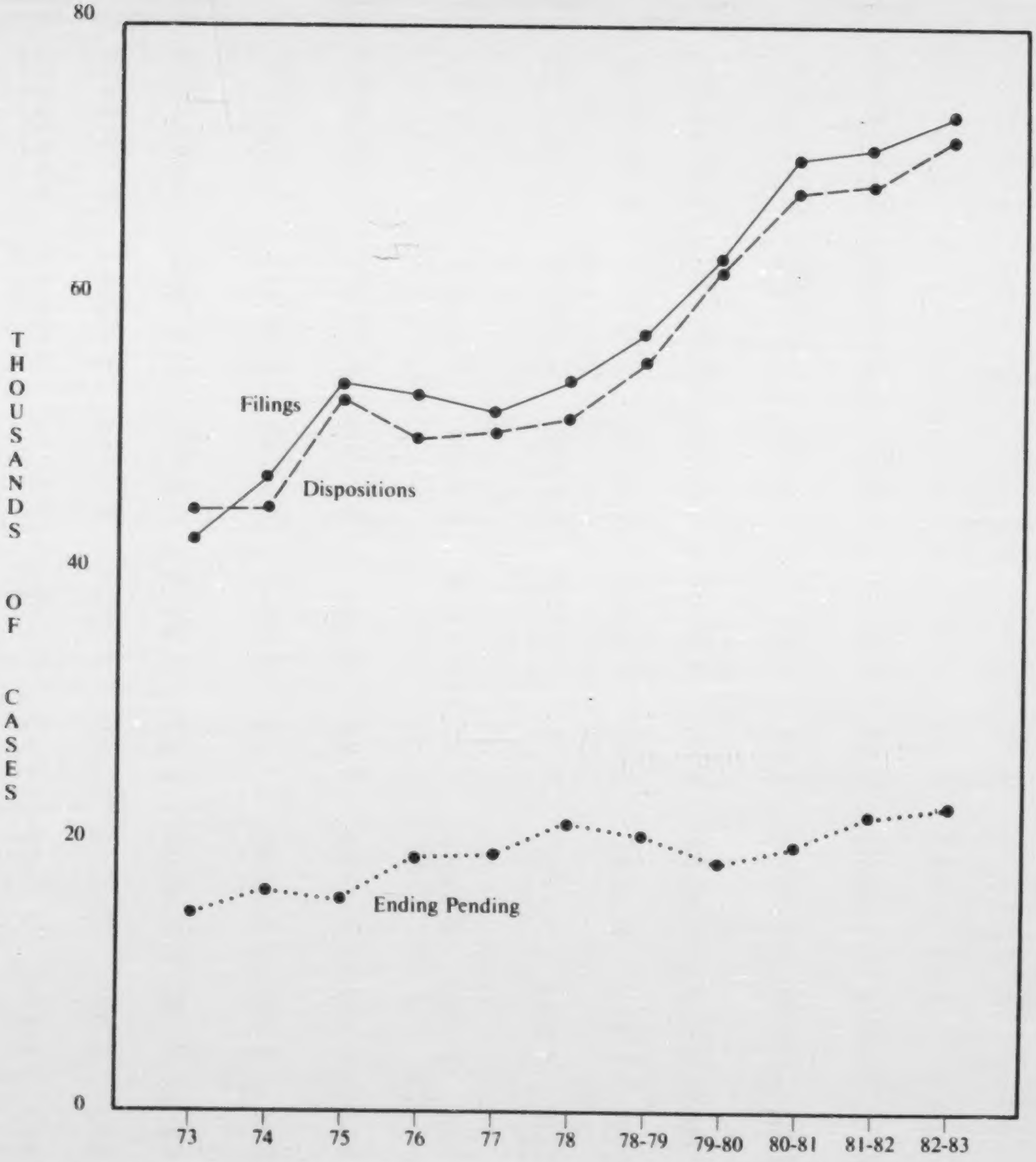
	Estates						Special Proceedings					
District 30	Pending 7/1/82	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83	Pending 7/1/82	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83
Cherokee	360	160	520	92	17.6	428	76	106	182	60	32.9	122
Clay	44	45	89	33	37.0	56	15	53	68	39	57.3	29
Graham	73	41	114	52	45.6	62	25	46	71	59	83.0	12
Haywood	420	357	777	332	42.7	445	183	232	415	249	60.0	166
Jackson	361	139	500	175	35.0	325	159	124	283	91	32.1	192
Macon	399	182	581	142	24.4	439	284	234	518	208	40.1	310
Swain	143	63	206	78	37.8	128	54	65	119	50	42.0	69
District Totals	1,800	987	2,787	904	32.4	1,883	796	860	1,656	756	45.6	900
State Totals	53,834	39,188	93,022	38,110	40.9	54,912	22,380	31,835	54,215	32,003	59.0	22,212

CASELOAD TRENDS OF CRIMINAL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

1973-1983



Criminal superior case filings increased by 2.8% during 1982-83, with an increase in dispositions of 4.4%. Trends among criminal cases in the superior courts are determined largely by felony cases, which substantially outnumber misdemeanor cases appealed to superior court.

CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CRIMINAL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

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	Felonies						Misdemeanors					
	Pending 7/1/82	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83	Pending 7/1/82	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83
District 1												
Camden	8	23	31	27	87.0	4	19	63	82	45	54.8	37
Chowan	26	81	107	79	73.8	28	48	199	247	215	87.0	32
Currituck	22	39	61	52	85.2	9	31	235	266	235	88.3	31
Dare	28	128	156	118	75.6	38	98	259	357	266	74.5	91
Gates	17	17	34	30	88.2	4	12	42	54	43	79.6	11
Pasquotank	58	173	231	189	81.8	42	85	559	644	575	89.2	69
Perquimans	9	57	66	60	90.9	6	17	78	95	73	76.8	22
District Totals	168	518	686	555	80.9	131	310	1,435	1,745	1,452	83.2	293
District 2												
Beaufort	86	433	519	374	72.0	145	83	261	344	247	71.8	97
Hyde	7	101	108	56	51.8	52	34	45	79	46	58.2	33
Martin	60	129	189	155	82.0	34	65	112	177	164	92.6	13
Tyrrell	22	25	47	47	100.0	0	23	69	92	70	76.0	22
Washington	54	100	154	134	87.0	20	20	59	79	62	78.4	17
District Totals	229	788	1,017	766	75.3	251	225	546	771	589	76.3	182
District 3												
Carteret	92	269	361	306	84.7	55	11	105	116	92	79.3	24
Craven	205	481	686	611	89.0	75	62	214	276	240	86.9	36
Pamlico	34	41	75	57	76.0	18	6	29	35	26	74.2	9
Pitt	212	720	932	750	80.4	182	136	487	623	504	80.8	119
District Totals	543	1,511	2,054	1,724	83.9	330	215	835	1,050	862	82.0	188
District 4												
Duplin	45	377	422	346	81.9	76	1	27	28	21	75.0	7
Jones	3	44	47	38	80.8	9	3	6	9	9	100.0	0
Onslow	258	1,243	1,501	1,165	77.6	336	28	89	117	85	72.6	32
Sampson	124	395	519	428	82.4	91	6	96	102	93	91.1	9
District Totals	430	2,059	2,489	1,977	79.4	512	38	218	256	208	81.2	48
District 5												
New Hanover	356	1,481	1,837	1,520	82.7	317	189	695	884	825	93.3	59
Pender	65	96	161	125	77.6	36	36	95	131	91	69.4	40
District Totals	421	1,577	1,998	1,645	82.3	353	225	790	1,015	916	90.2	99
District 6												
Bertie	57	105	162	136	83.9	26	34	63	97	78	80.4	19
Halifax	112	439	551	454	82.3	97	90	236	326	223	68.4	103
Hertford	44	195	239	201	84.1	38	44	85	129	110	85.2	19
Northampton	16	83	99	74	74.7	25	19	40	59	39	66.1	20
District Totals	229	822	1,051	865	82.3	186	187	424	611	450	73.6	161
District 7												
Edgecombe	42	312	354	298	84.1	56	42	252	294	260	88.4	34
Nash	117	456	573	497	86.7	76	66	301	367	290	79.0	77
Wilson	129	586	715	599	83.7	116	96	335	431	374	86.7	57
District Totals	288	1,354	1,642	1,394	84.8	248	204	888	1,092	924	84.6	168
District 8												
Greene	47	136	183	166	90.7	17	36	61	97	89	91.7	8
Lenoir	88	278	366	307	83.8	59	169	423	592	502	84.7	90
Wayne	224	543	767	640	83.4	127	113	369	482	395	81.9	87
District Totals	359	957	1,316	1,113	84.5	203	318	853	1,171	986	84.2	185
District 9												
Franklin	28	166	194	147	75.7	47	44	311	355	304	85.6	51
Granville	62	222	284	203	71.4	81	76	168	244	173	70.9	71
Person	81	252	333	288	86.4	45	119	195	314	265	84.3	49
Vance	149	235	384	272	70.8	112	154	231	385	303	78.7	82
Warren	12	75	87	42	48.2	45	24	113	137	76	55.4	61
District Totals	332	950	1,282	952	74.2	330	417	1,018	1,435	1,121	78.1	314

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District 10	Pending 7/1/82	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83	Pending 7/1/82	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83
Wake	1,223	3,263	4,486	2,882	64.2	1,604	459	2,249	2,708	2,055	75.8	653
District 11												
Harnett	35	308	343	276	80.4	67	14	80	94	81	86.1	13
Johnston	37	306	343	303	88.3	40	40	225	265	209	78.8	56
Lee	144	344	488	427	87.5	61	37	182	219	192	87.6	27
District Totals	216	958	1,174	1,006	85.6	168	91	487	578	482	83.3	96
District 12												
Cumberland	384	1,688	2,072	1,615	77.9	457	67	697	764	607	79.4	157
Hoke	28	151	179	165	92.1	14	19	54	73	63	86.3	10
District Totals	412	1,839	2,251	1,780	79.0	471	86	751	837	670	80.0	167
District 13												
Bladen	83	151	234	170	72.6	64	46	116	162	104	64.1	58
Brunswick	163	223	386	221	57.2	165	50	132	182	132	72.5	50
Columbus	85	258	343	173	50.4	170	66	372	438	321	73.2	117
District Totals	331	632	963	564	58.5	399	162	620	782	557	71.2	225
District 14												
Durham	322	1,512	1,834	1,355	73.8	479	118	380	498	358	71.8	140
District 15A												
Alamance	234	805	1,039	770	74.1	269	198	465	663	544	82.0	119
District 15B												
Chatham	50	102	152	138	90.7	14	7	34	41	38	92.6	3
Orange	63	479	542	496	91.5	46	12	82	94	80	85.1	14
District Totals	113	581	694	634	91.3	60	19	116	135	118	87.4	17
District 16												
Robeson	221	1,119	1,340	1,001	74.7	339	65	528	593	426	71.8	167
Scotland	141	229	370	188	50.8	182	97	187	284	91	32.0	193
District Totals	362	1,348	1,710	1,189	69.5	521	162	715	877	517	58.9	360
District 17A												
Caswell	45	69	114	113	99.1	1	14	73	87	80	91.9	7
Rockingham	135	846	981	816	83.1	165	115	664	779	604	77.5	175
District Totals	180	915	1,095	929	84.8	166	129	737	866	684	78.9	182
District 17B												
Stokes	38	186	224	155	69.1	69	62	131	193	151	78.2	42
Surry	270	439	709	574	80.9	135	190	576	766	656	85.6	110
District Totals	308	625	933	729	78.1	204	252	707	959	807	84.1	152
District 18												
Guilford												
Greensboro	860	2,362	3,222	2,307	71.6	915	117	610	727	545	74.9	182
High Point	262	877	1,139	806	70.7	333	86	290	376	283	75.2	93
District Totals	1,122	3,239	4,361	3,113	71.3	1,248	203	900	1,103	828	75.0	275
Distfict 19A												
Cabarrus	126	704	830	557	67.1	273	231	731	962	671	69.7	291
Rowan	112	635	747	608	81.3	139	104	579	683	549	80.3	134
District Totals	238	1,339	1,577	1,165	73.8	412	335	1,310	1,645	1,220	74.1	425
District 19B												
Montgomery	51	188	239	159	66.5	80	94	242	336	221	65.7	115
Randolph	211	616	827	481	58.1	346	156	655	811	541	66.7	270
District Totals	262	804	1,066	640	60.0	426	250	897	1,147	762	66.4	385

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District 20												
Anson	19	444	463	302	65.2	161	25	248	273	231	84.6	42
Moore	153	412	565	473	83.7	92	60	368	428	347	81.0	81
Richmond	105	609	714	652	91.3	62	54	403	457	375	82.0	82
Stanly	71	361	432	339	78.4	93	93	386	479	385	80.3	94
Union	114	445	559	527	94.2	32	157	625	782	737	94.2	45
District Totals	462	2,271	2,733	2,293	83.9	440	389	2,030	2,419	2,075	85.7	344
District 21												
Forsyth	259	1,936	2,195	1,682	76.6	513	288	1,858	2,146	1,652	76.9	494
District 22												
Alexander	55	65	120	112	93.3	8	20	135	155	141	90.9	14
Davidson	63	441	504	335	66.4	169	37	517	554	437	78.8	117
Davie	21	52	73	62	84.9	11	35	94	129	100	77.5	29
Iredell	235	402	637	498	78.1	139	91	545	636	539	84.7	97
District Totals	374	960	1,334	1,007	75.4	327	183	1,291	1,474	1,217	82.5	257
District 23												
Alleghany	10	12	22	16	72.7	6	12	35	47	43	91.4	4
Ashe	46	55	101	66	65.3	35	41	99	140	83	59.2	57
Wilkes	126	129	255	184	72.1	71	153	415	568	417	73.4	151
Yadkin	68	74	142	110	77.4	32	54	119	173	127	73.4	46
District Totals	250	270	520	376	72.3	144	260	668	928	670	72.1	258
District 24												
Avery	79	68	147	100	68.0	47	15	14	29	21	72.4	8
Madison	18	54	72	32	44.4	40	14	16	30	20	66.6	10
Mitchell	31	42	73	44	60.2	29	5	20	25	20	80.0	5
Watauga	108	220	328	264	80.4	64	17	26	43	37	86.0	6
Yancey	24	29	53	45	84.9	8	16	14	30	21	70.0	9
District Totals	260	413	673	485	72.0	188	67	90	157	119	75.7	38
District 25												
Burke	117	406	523	281	53.7	242	54	241	295	204	69.1	91
Caldwell	112	562	674	504	74.7	170	38	298	336	278	82.7	58
Catawba	200	802	1,002	757	75.5	245	98	500	598	465	77.7	133
District Totals	429	1,770	2,199	1,542	70.1	657	190	1,039	1,229	947	77.0	282
District 26												
Mecklenburg	1,032	2,753	3,785	2,477	65.4	1,308	198	935	1,133	768	67.7	365
District 27A												
Gaston	332	1,199	1,531	1,245	81.3	286	120	838	958	829	86.5	129
District 27B												
Cleveland	132	563	695	627	90.2	68	41	118	159	125	78.6	34
Lincoln	15	162	177	135	76.2	42	9	151	160	141	88.1	19
District Totals	147	725	872	762	87.3	110	50	269	319	266	83.3	53
District 28												
Buncombe	600	1,138	1,738	1,424	81.9	314	114	372	486	409	84.1	77
District 29												
Henderson	161	236	397	318	80.1	79	37	91	128	98	76.5	30
McDowell	53	176	229	166	72.4	63	13	231	244	225	92.2	19
Polk	48	57	105	63	60.0	42	16	29	45	20	44.4	25
Rutherford	230	503	733	497	67.8	236	72	208	280	206	73.5	74
Transylvania	106	69	175	98	56.0	77	29	43	72	42	58.3	30
District Totals	598	1,041	1,639	1,142	69.6	497	167	602	769	591	76.8	178

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District 30	Pending 7/1/82	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83	Pending 7/1/82	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83
Cherokee	20	90	110	61	55.4	49	31	92	123	85	69.1	38
Clay	19	10	29	23	79.3	6	8	19	27	16	59.2	11
Graham	28	66	94	64	68.0	30	13	25	38	25	65.7	13
Haywood	144	356	500	353	70.6	147	69	262	331	236	71.2	95
Jackson	44	208	252	183	72.6	69	39	86	125	92	73.6	33
Macon	48	82	130	71	54.6	59	28	37	65	31	47.6	34
Swain	12	24	36	29	80.5	7	7	32	39	16	41.0	23
District Totals	315	836	1,151	784	68.1	367	195	553	748	501	66.9	247
State Totals	13,380	43,708	57,088	42,966	75.2	14,122	6,824	27,886	34,710	27,154	78.2	7,556

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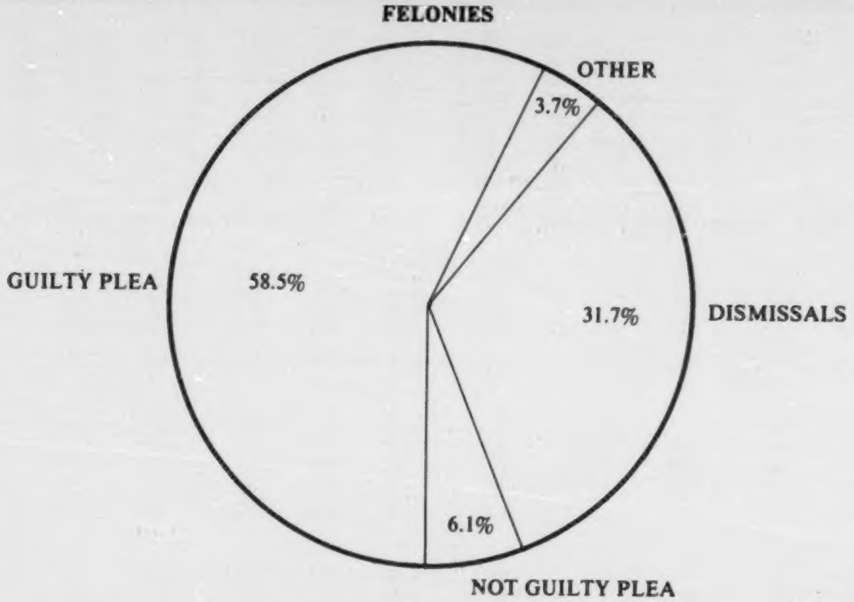

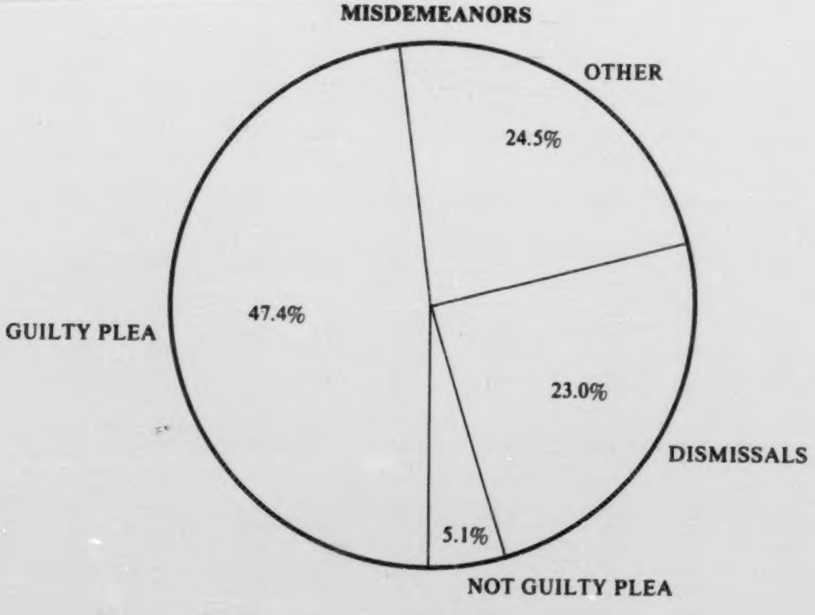

Guilty pleas constitute the largest disposition category for criminal superior court cases. The dismissal category, as graphed here, includes speedy trial dismissals and cases dismissed by the district attorney, both with and without leave.

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	Felonies						Misdemeanors					
	Total Dispositions	Plea of Guilty (Judge)	Plea of Not Guilty (Jury)	Dismissal by D.A.	Speedy Trial Dismissal	Other	Total Dispositions	Plea of Guilty (Judge)	Plea of Not Guilty (Jury)	Dismissal by D.A.	Speedy Trial Dismissal	Other
District 1												
Camden	27	18	2	7	0	0	45	30	0	5	0	10
Chowan	79	60	0	18	0	1	215	111	7	16	0	81
Currituck	52	35	6	9	0	2	235	204	6	22	0	3
Dare	118	74	6	36	0	2	266	149	13	36	0	68
Gates	30	23	4	3	0	0	43	23	0	9	0	11
Pasquotank	189	119	15	50	0	5	575	197	7	86	0	285
Perquimans	60	28	1	25	0	6	73	37	3	5	0	28
District Totals	555	357	34	148	0	16	1,452	751	36	179	0	486
District 2												
Beaufort	374	232	46	53	2	41	247	174	37	26	2	8
Hyde	56	22	1	22	0	11	46	9	11	8	0	18
Martin	155	112	19	16	0	8	164	88	19	32	0	25
Tyrrell	47	28	2	15	0	2	70	31	10	14	0	15
Washington	134	74	32	21	0	7	62	13	19	13	0	17
District Totals	766	468	100	127	2	69	589	315	96	93	2	83
District 3												
Carteret	306	126	13	161	0	6	92	33	5	37	0	17
Craven	611	336	24	237	1	13	240	121	20	91	0	8
Pamlico	57	26	2	29	0	0	26	21	2	2	0	1
Pitt	750	439	63	227	0	21	504	188	36	136	0	144
District Totals	1,724	927	102	654	1	40	862	363	63	266	0	170
District 4												
Duplin	346	216	35	85	0	10	21	10	2	3	0	6
Jones	38	18	10	8	0	2	9	3	3	0	0	3
Onslow	1,165	625	70	441	0	29	85	25	12	14	0	34
Sampson	428	209	55	147	0	17	93	74	8	6	0	5
District Totals	1,977	1,068	170	681	0	58	208	112	25	23	0	48
District 5												
New Hanover	1,520	939	100	443	1	37	825	500	43	165	0	117
Pender	125	74	7	41	0	3	91	47	7	15	0	22
District Totals	1,645	1,013	107	484	1	40	916	547	50	180	0	139
District 6												
Bertie	136	55	11	55	2	13	78	46	6	20	0	6
Halifax	454	185	29	216	0	24	223	91	12	81	0	39
Hertford	201	91	16	93	0	1	110	44	9	31	6	20
Northampton	74	32	9	25	0	8	39	13	1	15	0	10
District Totals	865	363	65	389	2	46	450	194	28	147	6	75
District 7												
Edgecombe	298	178	10	88	0	22	260	124	7	79	0	50
Nash	497	298	18	176	1	4	290	148	19	82	0	41
Wilson	599	366	29	182	0	22	374	218	20	94	0	42
District Totals	1,394	842	57	446	1	48	924	490	46	255	0	133
District 8												
Greene	166	123	3	36	0	4	89	41	8	31	0	9
Lenoir	307	149	42	99	0	17	502	211	34	139	0	118
Wayne	640	287	66	281	0	6	395	203	26	109	0	57
District Totals	1,113	559	111	416	0	27	986	455	68	279	0	184

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District 9												
Franklin	147	93	6	37	0	11	304	155	10	124	0	15
Granville	203	124	14	62	0	3	173	106	6	42	0	19
Person	288	162	17	105	1	3	265	112	14	95	5	39
Vance	272	127	14	119	0	12	303	153	3	106	0	41
Warren	42	19	3	13	0	7	76	32	4	34	0	6
District Totals	952	525	54	336	1	36	1,121	558	37	401	5	120
District 10												
Wake	2,882	1,389	119	1,295	5	74	2,055	746	64	614	0	631
District 11												
Harnett	276	192	27	54	0	3	81	35	4	30	0	12
Johnston	303	185	17	82	0	19	209	101	7	44	0	57
Lee	427	317	10	83	0	17	192	100	5	43	0	44
District Totals	1,006	694	54	219	0	39	482	236	16	117	0	113
District 12												
Cumberland	1,615	1,129	97	345	0	44	607	294	35	152	0	126
Hoke	165	83	11	41	0	30	63	35	2	21	0	5
District Totals	1,780	1,212	108	386	0	74	670	329	37	173	0	131
District 13												
Bladen	170	120	11	29	0	10	104	50	2	35	0	17
Brunswick	221	101	18	100	0	2	132	77	3	44	0	8
Columbus	173	118	13	33	0	9	321	152	21	62	0	86
District Totals	564	339	42	162	0	21	557	279	26	141	0	111
District 14												
Durham	1,355	757	69	512	0	17	358	154	15	114	0	75
District 15A												
Alamance	770	455	57	247	1	10	544	249	40	139	0	116
District 15B												
Chatham	138	94	12	26	0	6	38	17	4	9	0	8
Orange	496	274	22	190	0	10	80	27	5	20	0	28
District Totals	634	368	34	216	0	16	118	44	9	29	0	36
District 16												
Robeson	1,001	786	95	89	3	28	426	170	38	33	3	182
Scotland	188	143	14	24	0	7	91	60	2	9	0	20
District Totals	1,189	929	109	113	3	35	517	230	40	42	3	202
District 17A												
Caswell	113	81	4	22	0	6	80	46	3	12	0	19
Rockingham	816	627	24	159	1	5	604	361	17	95	0	131
District Totals	929	708	28	181	1	11	684	407	20	107	0	150
District 17B												
Stokes	155	100	34	13	1	7	151	55	39	21	3	33
Surry	574	420	4	117	0	33	656	361	7	68	0	220
District Totals	729	520	38	130	1	40	807	416	46	89	3	253
District 18 Guilford												
Greensboro	2,307	1,527	92	622	2	64	545	157	12	186	0	190
High Point	806	487	23	252	0	44	283	131	9	81	0	62
District Totals	3,113	2,014	115	874	2	108	828	288	21	267	0	252

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District 19A												
Cabarrus	557	312	29	198	0	18	671	323	20	115	0	213
Rowan	608	389	27	159	0	33	549	288	19	85	0	157
District Totals	1,165	701	56	357	0	51	1,220	611	39	200	0	370
District 19B												
Montgomery	159	85	9	49	0	16	221	97	10	61	0	53
Randolph	481	292	25	131	0	33	541	233	14	78	0	216
District Totals	640	377	34	180	0	49	762	330	24	139	0	269
District 20												
Anson	302	161	4	120	0	17	231	125	4	60	0	42
Moore	473	263	8	185	0	17	347	148	2	102	0	95
Richmond	652	261	15	361	0	15	375	150	5	159	0	61
Stanly	339	179	7	137	0	16	385	229	7	96	0	53
Union	527	293	26	194	0	14	737	383	22	169	0	163
District Totals	2,293	1,157	60	997	0	79	2,075	1,035	40	586	0	414
District 21												
Forsyth	1,682	1,248	138	264	0	32	1,652	922	58	300	0	372
District 22												
Alexander	112	74	7	24	0	7	141	62	4	16	0	59
Davidson	335	205	20	39	0	71	437	146	19	79	0	193
Davie	62	47	4	6	0	5	100	30	4	27	0	39
Iredell	498	265	66	138	0	29	539	260	22	73	0	184
District Totals	1,007	591	97	207	0	112	1,217	498	49	195	0	475
District 23												
Alleghany	16	10	2	4	0	0	43	29	2	10	0	2
Ashe	66	29	6	22	0	9	83	43	4	21	0	15
Wilkes	184	117	11	34	0	22	417	204	20	56	0	137
Yadkin	110	78	4	20	0	8	127	64	2	19	0	42
District Totals	376	234	23	80	0	39	670	340	28	106	0	196
District 24												
Avery	100	37	2	58	0	3	21	13	1	7	0	0
Madison	32	9	5	17	0	1	20	4	3	11	0	2
Mitchell	44	16	0	27	0	1	20	9	1	2	0	8
Watauga	264	125	44	84	0	11	37	13	6	10	0	8
Yancey	45	24	3	17	0	1	21	10	2	8	0	1
District Totals	485	211	54	203	0	17	119	49	13	38	0	19
District 25												
Burke	281	156	19	101	2	3	204	73	12	55	1	63
Caldwell	504	193	16	279	0	16	278	121	14	89	0	54
Catawba	757	407	52	270	2	26	465	195	47	90	0	133
District Totals	1,542	756	87	650	4	45	947	389	73	234	1	250
District 26												
Mecklenburg	2,477	1,205	150	1,034	26	62	768	330	73	214	0	151
District 27A												
Gaston	1,245	619	108	457	20	41	829	315	89	178	0	247
District 27B												
Cleveland	627	322	23	265	0	17	125	54	4	40	0	27
Lincoln	135	100	10	21	0	4	141	44	46	11	0	40
District Totals	762	422	33	286	0	21	266	98	50	51	0	67

MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF CRIMINAL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

	Felonies						Misdemeanors					
	Total Dispositions	Plea of Guilty (Judge)	Plea of Not Guilty (Jury)	Dismissal by D.A.	Speedy Trial Dismissal	Other	Total Dispositions	Plea of Guilty (Judge)	Plea of Not Guilty (Jury)	Dismissal by D.A.	Speedy Trial Dismissal	Other
District 28												
Buncombe	1,424	1,028	68	240	0	88	409	204	13	59	0	133
District 29												
Henderson	318	220	18	69	0	11	98	53	2	14	0	29
McDowell	166	99	14	46	0	7	225	122	3	63	0	37
Polk	63	36	1	23	0	3	20	5	1	6	0	8
Rutherford	497	259	60	163	0	15	206	117	13	39	0	37
Transylvania	98	51	6	35	0	6	42	21	1	8	0	12
District Totals	1,142	665	99	336	0	42	591	318	20	130	0	123
District 30												
Cherokee	61	28	1	26	0	6	85	30	16	31	0	8
Clay	23	17	1	3	1	1	16	7	1	7	0	1
Graham	64	41	3	9	0	11	25	13	1	10	0	1
Haywood	353	212	21	111	0	9	236	159	7	57	0	13
Jackson	183	92	6	30	0	55	92	42	2	18	0	30
Macon	71	20	4	34	0	13	31	13	2	9	0	7
Swain	29	10	2	11	0	6	16	5	0	5	0	6
District Totals	784	420	38	224	1	101	501	269	29	137	0	66
State Totals	42,966	25,141	2,618	13,531	72	1,604	27,154	12,871	1,381	6,222	20	6,660

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					Ages of Pending Cases (Days)								Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)				
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District 1																	
Camden	FEL	4	315.2	313.5	0	0	1	2	1	27	118.8	82.0	12	4	5	4	2
	MIS	37	148.2	195.0	3	13	0	20	1	45	84.0	63.0	15	19	8	3	0
Chowan	FEL	28	130.3	149.0	9	0	16	3	0	79	99.2	83.0	28	25	15	11	0
	MIS	32	105.3	58.0	17	4	5	6	0	215	87.4	70.0	84	75	33	20	3
Currituck	FEL	9	256.7	99.0	2	4	0	1	2	52	129.8	117.5	15	12	8	17	0
	MIS	31	118.1	85.0	15	3	1	10	2	235	71.9	57.0	120	65	32	18	0
Dare	FEL	38	103.6	63.0	8	23	1	4	2	118	120.6	69.0	51	29	16	17	5
	MIS	91	82.5	35.0	67	10	3	6	5	266	125.0	118.5	60	75	79	52	0
Gates	FEL	4	216.5	150.0	0	1	2	0	1	30	146.4	98.5	7	14	0	7	2
	MIS	11	137.6	133.0	5	0	3	3	0	43	116.8	92.0	13	16	4	8	2
Pasquotank	FEL	42	257.3	45.0	24	2	2	2	12	189	109.5	74.0	66	70	28	22	3
	MIS	69	60.9	24.0	52	6	4	6	1	575	57.4	46.0	356	137	56	23	3
Perquimans	FEL	6	174.0	77.5	3	1	1	0	1	60	143.5	136.0	11	18	8	22	1
	MIS	22	70.6	47.5	12	7	1	2	0	73	84.0	63.0	31	29	5	7	1
District Totals	FEL	131	182.2	63.0	46	31	23	12	19	555	118.4	84.0	190	172	80	100	13
	MIS	293	93.1	57.0	171	43	17	53	9	1,452	80.5	63.0	679	416	217	131	9
District 2																	
Beaufort	FEL	145	120.3	122.0	40	11	73	19	2	374	112.9	88.0	121	111	65	65	12
	MIS	97	137.5	121.0	28	20	35	7	7	247	134.6	102.0	61	76	55	44	11
Hyde	FEL	52	108.6	97.0	21	9	13	9	0	56	104.0	103.0	14	17	24	0	1
	MIS	33	206.6	143.0	7	5	10	6	5	46	202.2	132.0	12	8	8	8	10
Martin	FEL	34	134.0	129.0	11	6	8	9	0	155	125.4	87.0	50	39	34	26	6
	MIS	13	111.5	80.0	6	2	3	1	1	164	145.5	97.0	60	39	18	38	9
Tyrrell	FEL	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	47	94.8	120.0	17	17	10	3	0
	MIS	22	94.8	90.0	10	9	1	1	1	70	75.1	75.5	28	32	5	5	0
Washington	FEL	20	157.3	63.0	10	2	3	1	4	134	129.5	99.0	51	19	28	28	8
	MIS	17	65.1	43.0	13	3	0	0	1	62	132.2	115.5	12	21	9	19	1
District Totals	FEL	251	122.7	122.0	82	28	97	38	6	766	116.6	93.5	253	203	161	122	27
	MIS	182	136.2	106.0	64	39	49	15	15	589	135.6	97.0	173	176	95	114	31
District 3																	
Carteret	FEL	55	200.5	171.0	12	6	23	3	11	306	107.3	76.0	115	80	51	55	5
	MIS	24	233.9	265.5	9	1	1	3	10	92	90.3	68.0	41	28	16	5	2
Craven	FEL	75	91.0	59.0	40	13	8	14	0	611	95.6	82.0	208	217	134	45	7
	MIS	36	41.7	29.0	29	5	0	2	0	240	76.1	58.0	126	77	26	9	2
Pamlico	FEL	18	132.5	104.0	7	6	2	1	2	57	126.3	61.0	27	7	4	19	0
	MIS	9	264.7	237.0	0	0	1	7	1	26	106.5	96.0	3	14	8	1	0
Pitt	FEL	182	117.2	59.0	94	58	7	7	16	750	129.0	73.0	253	280	72	100	45
	MIS	119	109.2	49.0	66	28	4	11	10	504	99.4	59.0	252	140	44	40	28
District Totals	FEL	330	126.0	73.0	153	83	40	25	29	1,724	113.2	77.0	603	584	261	219	57
	MIS	188	119.6	49.0	104	34	6	23	21	862	92.2	61.0	422	259	94	55	32

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District 4																	
Duplin	FEL	76	73.0	44.0	47	18	2	8	1	346	60.6	40.5	218	90	25	10	3
	MIS	7	24.1	16.0	7	0	0	0	0	21	55.0	30.0	15	4	1	1	0
Jones	FEL	9	68.9	104.0	4	5	0	0	0	38	81.4	91.5	18	11	7	2	0
	MIS	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	9	81.6	32.0	6	0	2	1	0
Onslow	FEL	336	68.4	49.5	185	130	3	11	7	1,165	68.3	56.0	641	367	133	20	4
	MIS	32	44.6	37.0	27	3	2	0	0	85	59.8	49.0	50	28	7	0	0
Sampson	FEL	91	28.7	20.0	87	4	0	0	0	428	67.2	31.0	292	37	16	83	0
	MIS	9	71.4	38.0	5	3	0	1	0	93	42.8	31.0	75	15	1	1	1
District Totals	FEL	512	62.0	48.0	323	157	5	19	8	1,977	67.0	53.0	1,169	505	181	115	7
	MIS	48	46.6	37.0	39	6	2	1	0	208	52.7	31.0	146	47	11	3	1
District 5																	
New Hanover	FEL	317	74.6	21.0	242	38	14	9	14	1,520	99.1	49.5	888	398	75	97	62
	MIS	59	51.1	29.0	47	6	1	4	1	825	67.9	50.0	535	171	68	41	10
Pender	FEL	36	479.0	245.5	10	3	4	4	15	125	141.9	87.0	43	35	8	39	0
	MIS	40	414.3	338.5	4	7	7	3	19	91	95.2	75.0	32	40	14	4	1
District Totals	FEL	353	115.8	23.0	252	41	18	13	29	1,645	102.4	52.0	931	433	83	136	62
	MIS	99	197.8	44.0	51	13	8	7	20	916	70.6	50.0	567	211	82	45	11
District 6																	
Bertie	FEL	26	109.2	59.0	15	3	1	7	0	136	158.2	138.5	48	18	38	24	8
	MIS	19	131.1	80.0	9	3	2	3	2	78	145.3	130.0	18	16	21	19	4
Halifax	FEL	97	173.4	206.0	18	16	6	53	4	454	90.5	51.5	235	110	48	45	16
	MIS	103	145.4	99.0	33	28	20	13	9	223	139.0	83.0	90	53	18	46	16
Hertford	FEL	38	210.8	208.5	4	2	11	17	4	201	89.3	48.0	104	61	11	19	6
	MIS	19	233.6	174.0	4	2	4	4	5	110	135.5	74.5	52	15	17	16	10
Northampton	FEL	25	180.0	171.0	9	3	3	9	1	74	102.3	99.5	19	40	9	5	1
	MIS	20	165.3	64.5	8	6	0	2	4	39	147.0	98.0	13	13	5	5	3
District Totals	FEL	186	173.0	196.0	46	24	21	86	9	865	101.9	68.0	406	229	106	93	31
	MIS	161	156.6	99.0	54	39	26	22	20	450	139.9	91.0	173	97	61	86	33
District 7																	
Edgecombe	FEL	56	102.3	10.0	43	3	0	4	6	298	55.4	38.0	204	74	11	6	3
	MIS	34	106.6	51.5	19	7	2	3	3	260	65.1	45.0	162	63	18	16	1
Nash	FEL	76	94.3	98.0	18	47	2	9	0	497	69.8	40.0	301	97	54	42	3
	MIS	77	142.4	66.0	32	21	4	9	11	290	88.8	40.0	172	78	19	13	8
Wilson	FEL	116	233.0	115.0	25	35	17	21	18	599	114.2	67.0	259	179	55	77	29
	MIS	57	340.1	115.0	20	14	4	1	18	374	94.7	84.0	133	153	33	51	4
District Totals	FEL	248	161.0	98.0	86	85	19	34	24	1,394	85.8	52.0	764	350	120	125	35
	MIS	168	202.2	66.0	71	42	10	13	32	924	84.5	60.0	467	294	70	80	13

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District 8																	
Greene	FEL	17	72.2	62.0	5	9	2	1	0	166	115.6	72.0	77	20	42	18	9
	MIS	8	76.3	69.0	3	4	0	1	0	89	103.2	74.0	36	29	7	15	3
Lenoir	FEL	59	113.1	92.0	13	28	10	6	2	307	101.7	81.0	129	84	41	45	8
	MIS	90	69.6	54.5	47	34	3	4	2	502	103.4	79.0	211	113	97	74	7
Wayne	FEL	127	84.7	44.0	65	41	5	9	7	640	89.5	77.5	246	252	87	52	3
	MIS	87	72.5	44.0	54	17	8	6	2	395	86.9	65.0	176	132	47	37	3
District Totals	FEL	203	91.9	73.0	83	78	17	16	9	1,113	96.8	77.0	452	356	170	115	20
	MIS	185	71.3	44.0	104	55	11	11	4	986	96.8	72.0	422	274	151	126	13
District 9																	
Franklin	FEL	47	118.8	66.0	20	17	1	3	6	147	85.6	66.0	64	46	25	10	2
	MIS	51	197.2	73.0	7	25	5	9	5	304	74.2	46.0	201	53	26	18	6
Granville	FEL	81	481.5	160.0	19	16	6	11	29	203	121.9	101.0	54	82	39	20	8
	MIS	71	164.0	78.0	27	15	12	13	4	173	135.1	100.0	31	84	22	27	9
Person	FEL	45	110.7	133.0	18	4	19	2	2	288	134.0	91.5	82	101	48	30	27
	MIS	49	133.3	112.0	14	11	12	9	3	265	230.0	165.0	21	66	54	72	52
Vance	FEL	112	217.7	92.0	42	17	8	27	18	272	147.4	109.0	71	83	47	43	28
	MIS	82	168.3	78.0	31	27	4	13	7	303	171.9	120.0	86	65	54	72	26
Warren	FEL	45	111.4	127.0	15	4	21	5	0	42	178.0	102.0	13	10	5	13	1
	MIS	61	82.6	43.0	41	10	4	4	2	76	154.9	76.0	25	23	14	8	6
District Totals	FEL	330	239.3	101.0	114	58	55	48	55	952	129.7	93.5	284	322	164	116	66
	MIS	314	149.9	73.0	120	88	37	48	21	1,121	152.3	100.0	364	291	170	197	99
District 10																	
Wake	FEL	1,604	151.9	116.0	408	403	365	321	107	2,882	163.5	116.0	643	862	616	499	262
	MIS	653	117.4	84.0	268	157	90	117	21	2,055	95.6	66.0	967	528	261	242	57
District 11																	
Harnett	FEL	67	71.5	66.0	18	44	3	1	1	276	63.0	50.0	177	60	26	11	2
	MIS	13	102.0	79.0	3	7	1	1	1	81	80.8	72.0	36	27	11	7	0
Johnston	FEL	40	201.3	41.0	25	1	3	2	9	303	59.3	44.0	203	54	38	8	0
	MIS	56	254.2	98.0	25	4	1	7	19	209	61.4	47.0	125	60	18	5	1
Lee	FEL	61	150.6	51.0	41	2	3	4	11	427	82.8	75.0	177	162	61	27	0
	MIS	27	408.0	331.0	6	4	1	4	12	192	58.1	47.0	110	69	6	7	0
District Totals	FEL	168	131.1	62.0	84	47	9	7	21	1,006	70.3	53.0	557	276	125	46	2
	MIS	96	276.8	108.5	34	15	3	12	32	482	63.3	50.0	271	156	35	19	1
District 12																	
Cumberland	FEL	457	104.2	59.0	252	98	40	35	32	1,615	101.0	84.0	538	604	301	138	34
	MIS	157	91.9	79.0	64	48	37	8	0	607	86.6	78.0	195	283	84	44	1
Hoke	FEL	14	118.0	118.5	3	4	5	2	0	165	105.1	67.0	60	59	20	17	9
	MIS	10	82.1	87.0	3	4	3	0	0	63	105.8	90.0	24	17	9	11	2
District Totals	FEL	471	104.6	59.0	255	102	45	37	32	1,780	101.4	84.0	598	663	321	155	43
	MIS	167	91.3	79.0	67	52	40	8	0	670	88.4	78.0	219	300	93	55	3

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District 13																	
Bladen	FEL	64	111.9	85.0	26	21	6	6	5	170	145.2	134.0	27	41	43	58	1
	MIS	58	206.7	177.0	12	7	14	23	2	104	148.0	111.5	22	33	24	22	3
Brunswick	FEL	165	447.3	472.0	20	19	2	35	89	221	174.6	130.0	66	35	52	45	23
	MIS	50	163.0	78.0	19	10	7	9	5	132	152.6	138.0	27	36	35	26	8
Columbus	FEL	170	106.2	73.0	81	31	39	13	6	173	176.5	147.0	11	56	42	48	16
	MIS	117	106.9	45.0	66	20	9	20	2	321	107.2	79.0	121	102	44	49	5
District Totals	FEL	399	248.2	121.0	127	71	47	54	100	564	166.3	134.0	104	132	137	151	40
	MIS	225	145.1	83.0	97	37	30	52	9	557	125.6	99.0	170	171	103	97	16
District 14																	
Durham	FEL	479	89.4	73.0	181	197	62	35	4	1,355	97.9	73.0	558	402	231	140	24
	MIS	140	105.8	66.0	67	29	22	19	3	358	115.8	60.0	165	88	43	40	22
District 15A																	
Alamance	FEL	269	140.8	73.0	124	49	42	31	23	770	103.8	84.0	275	299	100	74	22
	MIS	119	114.7	49.0	63	21	14	14	7	544	94.4	86.5	166	227	113	37	1
District 15B																	
Chatham	FEL	14	85.4	84.5	6	5	2	1	0	138	102.4	84.0	40	71	13	11	3
	MIS	3	102.3	70.0	1	1	0	1	0	38	76.9	68.0	14	14	6	4	0
Orange	FEL	46	54.0	21.0	41	0	0	3	2	496	68.8	54.0	290	126	53	27	0
	MIS	14	30.4	29.0	12	2	0	0	0	80	65.6	49.0	44	28	4	4	0
District Totals	FEL	60	61.3	21.0	47	5	2	4	2	634	76.1	60.0	330	197	66	38	3
	MIS	17	43.1	34.0	13	3	0	1	0	118	69.2	59.0	58	42	10	8	0
District 16																	
Robeson	FEL	339	66.5	50.0	178	83	63	15	0	1,001	82.7	65.0	460	359	113	59	10
	MIS	167	91.1	70.0	68	60	18	16	5	426	85.7	75.0	186	165	34	38	3
Scotland	FEL	182	351.4	205.0	44	22	20	38	58	188	237.9	152.0	16	51	43	46	32
	MIS	193	407.4	218.0	48	20	20	35	70	91	198.5	111.0	23	25	8	20	15
District Totals	FEL	521	166.0	70.0	222	105	83	53	58	1,189	107.2	77.0	476	410	156	105	42
	MIS	360	260.7	97.5	116	80	38	51	75	517	105.6	77.0	209	190	42	58	18
District 17A																	
Caswell	FEL	1	27.0	27.0	1	0	0	0	0	113	129.3	83.0	40	28	13	20	12
	MIS	7	44.1	27.0	6	0	1	0	0	80	76.6	47.5	47	17	7	8	1
Rockingham	FEL	165	68.5	23.0	110	29	12	10	4	816	67.9	57.0	418	303	60	35	0
	MIS	175	54.2	23.0	122	30	12	7	4	604	74.8	57.0	314	191	71	25	3
District Totals	FEL	166	68.2	23.0	111	29	12	10	4	929	75.4	62.0	458	331	73	55	12
	MIS	182	53.8	23.0	128	30	13	7	4	684	75.0	56.5	361	208	78	33	4

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					Ages of Pending Cases (Days)								Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)				
		Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	>365	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	>365
District 17B																	
Stokes	FEL	69	71.1	58.0	35	22	9	2	1	155	118.3	75.0	65	41	29	11	9
	MIS	42	85.4	59.0	22	9	8	3	0	151	143.9	94.0	34	64	16	29	8
Surry	FEL	135	153.9	71.0	36	43	30	2	24	574	137.2	117.0	170	132	115	140	17
	MIS	110	91.6	43.5	67	22	6	8	7	656	107.5	89.0	175	278	114	71	18
District Totals	FEL	204	125.9	70.0	71	65	39	4	25	729	133.2	106.0	235	173	144	151	26
	MIS	152	89.9	50.5	89	31	14	11	7	807	114.3	90.0	209	342	130	100	26
District 18 Guilford																	
Greensboro	FEL	915	155.7	115.0	241	291	168	152	63	2,307	141.6	99.0	764	548	431	407	157
	MIS	182	106.8	70.5	69	73	18	12	10	545	116.3	83.0	212	190	61	54	28
High Point	FEL	333	212.1	118.0	110	77	38	59	49	806	123.8	104.0	220	254	154	157	21
	MIS	93	161.0	118.0	38	16	14	15	10	283	106.8	82.0	101	107	31	32	12
District Totals	FEL	1,248	170.7	115.0	351	368	206	211	112	3,113	137.0	100.0	984	802	585	564	178
	MIS	275	125.1	79.0	107	89	32	27	20	828	113.1	82.0	313	297	92	86	40
District 19A																	
Cabarrus	FEL	273	146.0	66.0	130	51	35	28	29	557	120.3	98.0	187	194	95	64	17
	MIS	291	114.5	45.0	164	61	20	24	22	671	124.7	93.0	121	348	86	97	19
Rowan	FEL	139	155.5	99.0	50	37	32	9	11	608	83.9	50.0	349	176	37	30	16
	MIS	134	140.3	104.5	51	30	13	31	9	549	85.1	50.0	311	164	38	26	10
District Totals	FEL	412	149.2	76.0	180	88	67	37	40	1,165	101.3	70.0	536	370	132	94	33
	MIS	425	122.6	59.0	215	91	33	55	31	1,220	106.9	78.0	432	512	124	123	29
District 19B																	
Montgomery	FEL	80	257.9	129.0	12	22	17	14	15	159	86.3	70.0	75	39	28	16	1
	MIS	115	194.4	66.0	38	37	11	7	22	221	118.0	88.0	81	53	48	30	9
Randolph	FEL	346	299.9	162.0	62	66	67	91	60	481	141.6	123.0	82	153	134	92	20
	MIS	270	145.6	96.5	104	49	47	48	22	541	99.3	71.0	218	166	76	72	9
District Totals	FEL	426	292.0	131.5	74	88	84	105	75	640	127.9	108.5	157	192	162	108	21
	MIS	385	160.2	79.0	142	86	58	55	44	762	104.7	73.5	299	219	124	102	18
District 20																	
Anson	FEL	161	51.7	14.0	103	40	14	4	0	302	61.6	54.0	181	97	18	6	0
	MIS	42	96.8	71.0	15	13	9	5	0	231	70.3	56.0	124	74	24	9	0
Moore	FEL	92	168.4	50.0	53	14	12	2	11	473	77.3	61.0	229	187	35	18	4
	MIS	81	67.3	36.0	56	12	8	4	1	347	69.8	54.0	189	114	35	6	3
Richmond	FEL	62	123.8	32.0	39	7	5	4	7	652	77.5	55.5	349	158	89	53	3
	MIS	82	71.5	42.0	58	6	11	5	2	375	87.8	54.0	197	114	32	22	10
Stanly	FEL	93	92.3	59.0	49	21	15	3	5	339	112.5	77.0	122	114	59	30	14
	MIS	94	108.4	88.5	29	34	23	5	3	385	113.4	76.0	111	153	57	52	12
Union	FEL	32	101.5	56.0	17	0	13	0	2	527	93.1	44.0	360	91	19	36	21
	MIS	45	51.9	28.0	33	5	6	1	0	737	76.5	42.0	523	122	33	31	28
District Totals	FEL	440	98.5	43.0	261	82	59	13	25	2,293	84.1	55.0	1,241	647	220	143	42
	MIS	344	81.1	52.0	191	70	57	20	6	2,075	83.6	54.0	1,144	577	181	120	53

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		Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	>365	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	>365
District 21																	
Forsyth	FEL	513	63.6	21.0	345	108	7	43	10	1,682	73.8	56.0	897	601	100	72	12
	MIS	494	67.6	27.5	341	49	47	44	13	1,652	59.2	41.0	1,187	338	60	57	10
District 22																	
Alexander	FEL	8	108.8	29.0	5	1	0	1	1	112	130.9	104.0	21	59	11	16	5
	MIS	14	150.6	135.0	5	1	3	5	0	141	99.0	73.0	49	45	27	20	0
Davidson	FEL	169	113.8	85.0	64	53	24	24	4	335	108.1	61.0	135	114	47	23	16
	MIS	117	42.0	23.0	84	25	7	1	0	437	56.8	40.0	289	98	33	15	2
Davie	FEL	11	91.5	104.0	5	4	0	2	0	62	123.0	71.5	16	23	13	6	4
	MIS	29	121.7	49.0	16	3	4	5	1	100	92.8	87.0	43	35	17	4	1
Iredell	FEL	139	99.8	84.0	59	41	18	19	2	498	153.0	140.0	124	104	70	173	27
	MIS	97	85.7	52.0	51	14	25	7	0	539	59.1	34.0	380	81	46	30	2
District Totals	FEL	327	107.0	84.0	133	99	42	46	7	1,007	133.8	102.0	296	300	141	218	52
	MIS	257	73.4	41.0	156	43	39	18	1	1,217	65.7	42.0	761	259	123	69	5
District 23																	
Alleghany	FEL	6	188.8	124.0	2	1	1	0	2	16	232.6	135.0	2	5	3	2	4
	MIS	4	35.5	44.0	4	0	0	0	0	43	160.4	98.0	15	10	4	8	6
Ashe	FEL	35	256.1	51.0	20	0	0	8	7	66	344.5	168.5	12	3	19	10	22
	MIS	57	228.5	224.0	16	0	5	29	7	83	144.4	96.0	21	32	11	13	6
Wilkes	FEL	71	296.7	197.0	10	14	8	18	21	184	171.9	143.5	24	51	41	60	8
	MIS	151	219.4	118.0	57	19	14	30	31	417	124.9	97.0	106	161	69	65	16
Yadkin	FEL	32	88.0	36.0	20	7	1	3	1	110	265.9	153.0	22	23	17	22	26
	MIS	46	68.5	43.0	28	13	2	1	2	127	156.7	75.0	49	43	8	16	11
District Totals	FEL	144	236.0	116.0	52	22	10	29	31	376	232.3	159.0	60	82	80	94	60
	MIS	258	191.7	91.0	105	32	21	60	40	670	135.6	96.0	191	246	92	102	39
District 24																	
Avery	FEL	47	174.9	6.0	34	2	2	3	6	100	204.2	147.5	11	31	13	32	13
	MIS	8	371.3	175.5	3	1	0	1	3	21	254.3	217.0	4	0	5	8	4
Madison	FEL	40	76.3	16.0	26	4	5	4	1	32	197.6	166.0	2	5	10	14	1
	MIS	10	328.4	258.0	0	2	1	5	2	20	159.0	121.5	4	6	4	3	3
Mitchell	FEL	29	132.4	65.0	13	6	1	7	2	44	226.7	133.0	6	11	6	11	10
	MIS	5	134.0	93.0	2	1	0	2	0	20	92.3	78.5	5	10	4	1	0
Watauga	FEL	64	341.9	309.0	24	3	3	4	30	264	135.4	112.0	86	68	51	43	16
	MIS	6	609.0	655.0	1	0	0	1	4	37	121.9	91.0	10	15	5	5	2
Yancey	FEL	8	374.8	321.0	0	3	0	2	3	45	148.6	103.0	19	9	2	10	5
	MIS	9	323.2	289.0	1	2	0	3	3	21	225.2	191.0	4	3	2	10	2
District Totals	FEL	188	212.7	52.0	97	18	11	20	42	485	163.2	114.0	124	124	82	110	45
	MIS	38	354.9	258.0	7	6	1	12	12	119	164.8	117.0	27	34	20	27	11

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					0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	>365				0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	>365
District 25																	
Burke	FEL	242	171.6	129.0	58	56	24	98	6	281	129.9	125.0	37	101	97	43	3
	MIS	91	149.1	84.0	28	28	7	21	7	204	113.0	94.0	51	80	43	28	2
Caldwell	FEL	170	103.0	52.0	106	14	22	22	6	504	97.0	78.0	159	199	74	68	4
	MIS	58	128.2	64.5	24	21	1	7	5	278	70.8	55.5	149	99	16	13	1
Catawba	FEL	245	137.2	94.0	90	69	49	23	14	757	123.2	92.0	204	315	139	74	25
	MIS	133	84.3	52.0	75	30	12	11	5	465	100.8	76.0	168	201	57	27	12
District Totals	FEL	657	141.0	83.0	254	139	95	143	26	1,542	115.9	92.0	400	615	310	185	32
	MIS	282	114.2	66.0	127	79	20	39	17	947	94.6	74.0	368	380	116	68	15
District 26																	
Mecklenburg	FEL	1,308	169.7	107.0	337	410	227	176	158	2,477	150.1	116.0	519	783	571	463	141
	MIS	365	225.3	55.0	193	42	27	26	77	768	70.7	48.0	473	225	37	20	13
District 27A																	
Gaston	FEL	286	100.1	70.0	136	64	57	16	13	1,245	100.1	80.0	358	532	250	90	15
	MIS	129	105.5	78.0	56	37	7	26	3	829	74.6	50.0	500	197	62	57	13
District 27B																	
Cleveland	FEL	68	83.7	35.5	40	18	4	2	4	627	96.0	83.0	253	208	108	49	9
	MIS	34	83.2	17.0	27	1	1	1	4	125	100.4	84.0	43	46	29	2	5
Lincoln	FEL	42	98.9	81.5	14	17	5	6	0	135	81.6	54.0	71	44	6	14	0
	MIS	19	91.3	92.0	6	8	4	1	0	141	64.6	57.0	73	47	20	1	0
District Totals	FEL	110	89.5	66.0	54	35	9	8	4	762	93.4	77.0	324	252	114	63	9
	MIS	53	86.1	37.0	33	9	5	2	4	266	81.4	69.5	116	93	49	3	5
District 28																	
Buncombe	FEL	314	142.3	76.0	138	73	22	47	34	1,424	116.0	98.0	262	673	289	183	17
	MIS	77	128.5	73.0	34	17	14	3	9	409	79.5	63.0	191	112	85	18	3
District 29																	
Henderson	FEL	79	233.0	84.0	29	13	17	2	18	318	179.1	129.0	46	98	63	92	19
	MIS	30	321.9	106.0	6	10	0	7	7	98	133.0	103.0	25	32	14	25	2
McDowell	FEL	63	213.7	85.0	11	31	0	6	15	166	119.0	72.0	68	50	18	21	9
	MIS	19	78.9	56.0	10	4	3	2	0	225	90.0	68.0	99	89	20	15	2
Polk	FEL	42	310.3	113.0	5	16	2	12	7	63	192.6	163.0	14	15	7	16	11
	MIS	25	235.2	127.0	8	4	9	0	4	20	180.6	177.0	5	3	2	8	2
Rutherford	FEL	236	107.1	30.0	169	7	16	22	22	497	160.6	144.0	96	136	117	95	53
	MIS	74	115.1	69.0	35	22	1	12	4	206	176.9	148.0	45	48	28	67	18
Transylvania	FEL	77	589.2	576.0	2	5	23	2	45	98	306.2	177.5	24	16	9	15	34
	MIS	30	576.7	264.0	2	4	6	6	12	42	200.5	124.5	3	16	9	9	5
District Totals	FEL	497	232.5	84.0	216	72	58	44	107	1,142	174.0	123.0	248	315	214	239	126
	MIS	178	240.8	98.0	61	44	19	27	27	591	138.3	100.0	177	188	73	124	29

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					Ages of Pending Cases (Days)								Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)				
District 30		Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	>365	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	>365
Cherokee	FEL	49	68.0	58.0	37	1	9	2	0	61	177.7	119.0	17	19	5	14	6
	MIS	38	141.3	58.0	20	2	9	2	5	85	251.1	182.0	2	14	20	31	18
Clay	FEL	6	226.3	225.0	1	0	0	4	1	23	296.3	271.0	3	0	5	10	5
	MIS	11	74.6	44.0	7	2	0	2	0	16	278.4	249.5	4	2	1	3	6
Graham	FEL	30	167.6	115.0	4	16	5	1	4	64	140.5	99.0	29	8	6	10	11
	MIS	13	243.2	276.0	5	0	1	4	3	25	241.9	123.0	7	5	2	3	8
Haywood	FEL	147	418.1	135.0	66	5	24	14	38	353	200.3	114.0	106	88	44	58	57
	MIS	95	198.8	149.0	18	10	25	33	9	236	145.0	114.5	71	62	37	50	16
Jackson	FEL	69	115.9	58.0	40	9	9	6	5	183	200.1	116.0	47	46	34	28	28
	MIS	33	149.4	136.0	4	6	13	9	1	92	338.7	165.5	21	14	15	13	29
Macon	FEL	59	647.0	672.0	10	6	2	3	38	71	141.3	116.0	14	22	17	16	2
	MIS	34	595.5	491.0	7	3	1	4	19	31	131.5	81.0	7	13	6	3	2
Swain	FEL	7	174.9	115.0	2	2	0	2	1	29	204.4	138.0	0	12	8	4	5
	MIS	23	157.9	115.0	7	6	3	5	2	16	151.7	121.0	2	6	4	3	1
District Totals	FEL	367	323.1	98.0	160	39	49	32	87	784	191.2	116.0	216	195	119	140	114
	MIS	247	231.0	142.0	68	29	52	59	39	501	207.0	129.0	114	116	85	106	80
State Totals	FEL	14,122	154.1	80.0	5,603	3,363	2,004	1,817	1,335	42,966	115.6	81.0	15,908	13,382	6,664	5,321	1,691
	MIS	7,556	138.6	66.0	3,556	1,537	862	958	643	27,154	96.7	66.0	12,501	8,110	3,182	2,608	753

PART IV, Section 2

District Court Division Caseflow Data

The District Court Division

This section contains data tables and accompanying charts depicting the caseflow in 1982-83 of cases filed and disposed of in the State's district courts, including those handled by magistrates.

When the plaintiff in a civil case requests, and the amount in controversy does not exceed $1,000, the case may be classified as a "small claim" civil action and assigned to a magistrate for hearing. Magistrates also have certain criminal case jurisdiction. They may accept written appearance and waiver of trial, with plea of guilty, and enter judgment in accord with the schedule of fines promulgated by chief district judges for traffic offenses; and effective July 1, 1984, for boating, hunting and fishing offenses. Also, magistrates may accept guilty pleas in other misdemeanor cases where the sentence cannot be in excess of 30 days or $50 fine; and may hear and enter judgment in worthless check cases where the amount involved is $500 or less, and any prison sentence imposed does not exceed 30 days.

Appeals from magistrates' judgments in both civil and criminal cases are to the district court, with a district court judge presiding.

This section contains data on three major case classifications in the district court division: civil cases, juvenile proceedings, and criminal cases. Civil cases include cases assigned to magistrates (small claims as defined above), domestic relations cases (chiefly concerned with annulments, divorces, alimony, custody and support of children), and "general civil" cases. Juvenile proceedings are classified in accordance with the nature of the offense or condition alleged in the petition which initiates the case. District court criminal cases are divided into motor vehicle cases (where the offense charged is defined in Chapter 20 of the North Carolina General Statutes) and non-motor criminal cases.

Consistent with previous years, the pie charts on the following page illustrate that district court criminal cases filed and disposed of in the 1982-83 year greatly outnumbered civil cases. Motor vehicle criminal cases constituted approximately fifty per cent of total filings and dispositions, and the non-motor vehicle criminal cases accounted for about twenty-seven per cent. As in past years, the greatest portion of district court civil filings and dispositions were small claims referred to magistrates.

The large volume categories of criminal motor-vehicle and civil magistrate cases are not reported to AOC by case file numbers. Therefore, it is not possible to obtain, by computer processing, the numbers of pending cases as of a given date or the ages of cases pending and ages of cases at disposition. These categories of cases are processed through the courts faster than any others, thus explaining the decision not to allocate personnel and computer resource to reporting these cases in the detail that is provided for other categories of cases.

Also, juvenile proceedings and hearings on commitment or recommitment of persons to the State's mental hospital facilities are not reported to AOC by case file numbers.

Two tables are provided on juvenile proceedings: offenses and conditions alleged, and numbers of adjudicatory hearings held.

Data on district court hearings for mental hospital commitments and recommitments is reported in Part III, "Cost and Case Data on Representation of Indigents."

Ages of district court cases pending on June 30, 1983, and ages of cases disposed of during 1982-83 are reported for the general civil and domestic relations and for the criminal non-motor vehicle case categories.

The table for general civil and domestic relations cases shows that the median age of such cases which were pending on June 30, 1983, was 150 days, compared with a median age of 181 days for cases pending on June 30, 1982. The median age of cases in this category at the time of disposition during 1982-83 was 68 days, compared with a median age of 67 days at the time of disposition during 1981-82.

For district court non-motor vehicle criminal cases, the median age for cases pending on June 30, 1983, was 59 days compared with a median age of 51 days for cases pending on June 30, 1982. The median age of cases in this category at the time of disposition during 1982-83 was 24 days compared with a median age of 22 days at the time of disposition during 1981-82.

The Statewide total district court filings during 1982-83, not including juvenile cases and mental hospital commitment hearings, was 1,445,571 cases, compared with 1,421,309 during 1981-82, an increase of 24,262 (1.7%). Most of this increase came in the motor vehicle criminal case category where filings in 1981-82 amounted to 677,247 cases compared to 728,517 cases filed in 1982-83, an increase of 51,270 (7.5%) cases. On the other hand, there was a decrease of 17,661 cases (4.2%) in the non-motor vehicle criminal case category.

There also was a small decrease (2.9%) in district court civil case filings, from a total of 325,886 in 1981-82 to 316,539 in 1982-83. Most of this decrease was in civil magistrate filings, from 215,625 cases in 1981-82 to 206,163 cases in 1982-83. In the domestic relations category, there was a small increase of 248 cases in 1982-83 compared to the number in 1981-82.

The changes (either increase or decrease) from year-to-year in the individual case categories are not unusual. The *over-all* trend for *total* district court case filings over the past several years has been upward, and this upward trend is reflected in the 1982-83 district court case filings.

FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

1982-1983

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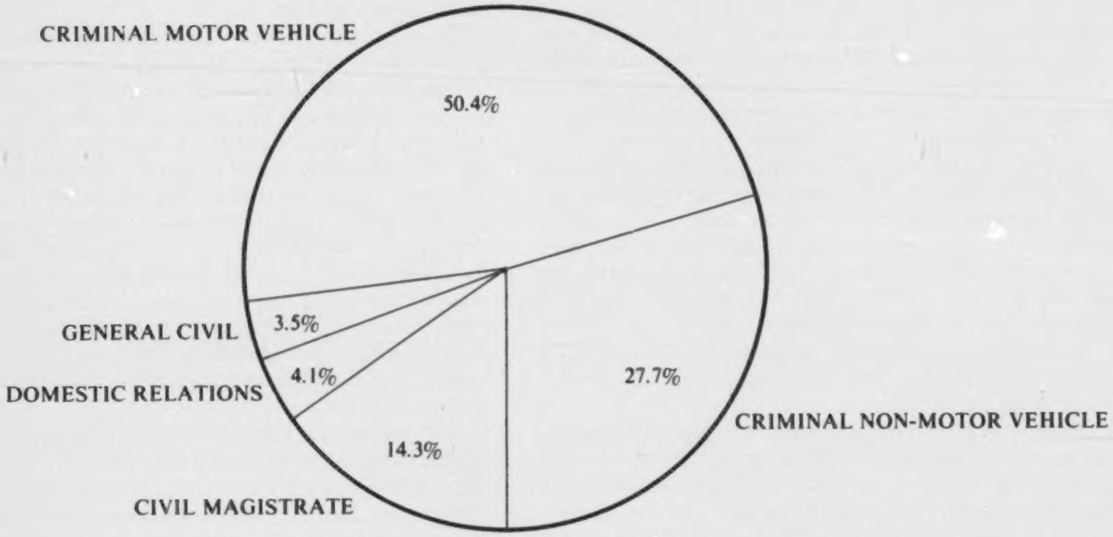

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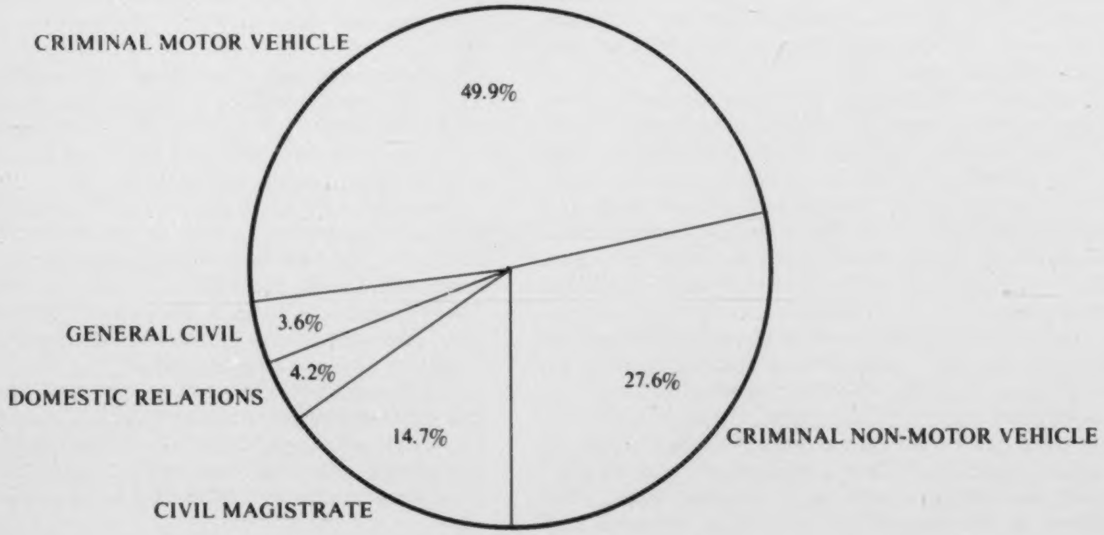
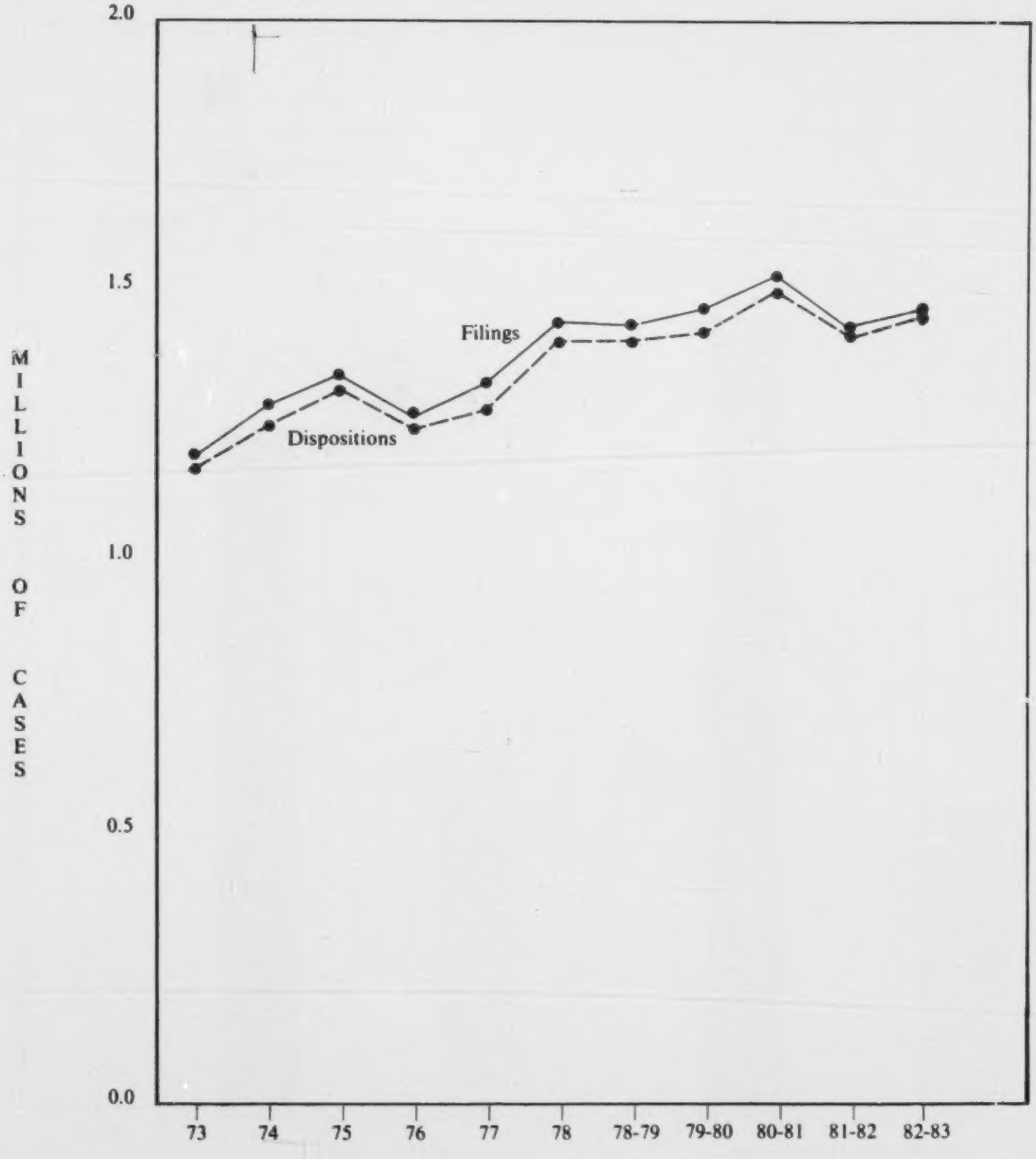


Criminal cases dominate the district court caseload; 78.1% of all district court filings and 77.5 of all district court dispositions during 1982-83 were criminal cases.

FILING AND DISPOSITION TRENDS IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

1973-1983



Depicted in this graph are all civil and criminal case filings and dispositions for the last decade, including traffic offenses and civil magistrate cases. The increase in filings and dispositions for 1982-83 is attributable to a 7.6% increase in filings and a 4.3% increase in dispositions in motor vehicle cases.

FILING AND DISPOSITION TRENDS OF CIVIL DISTRICT COURT CASES

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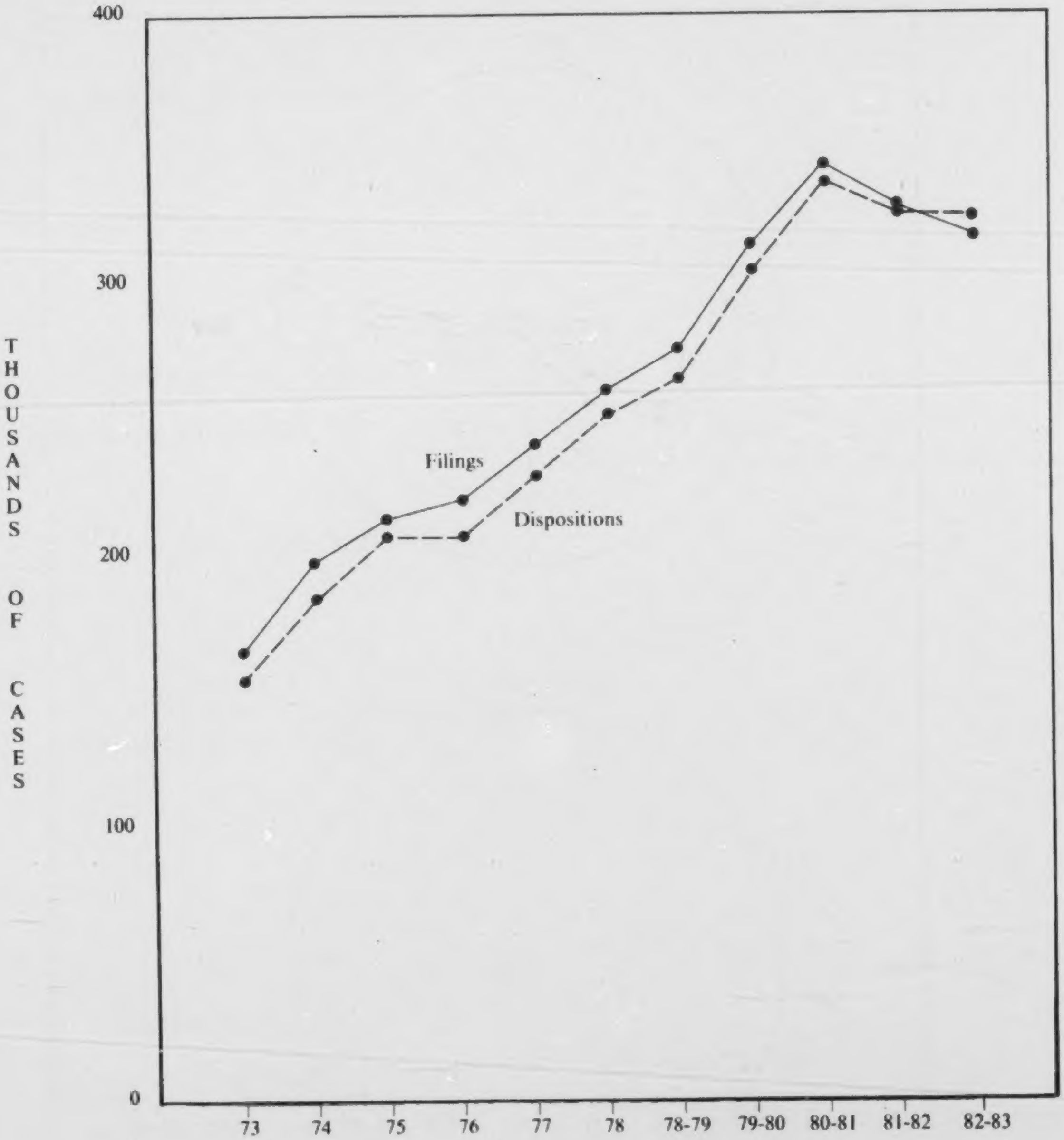
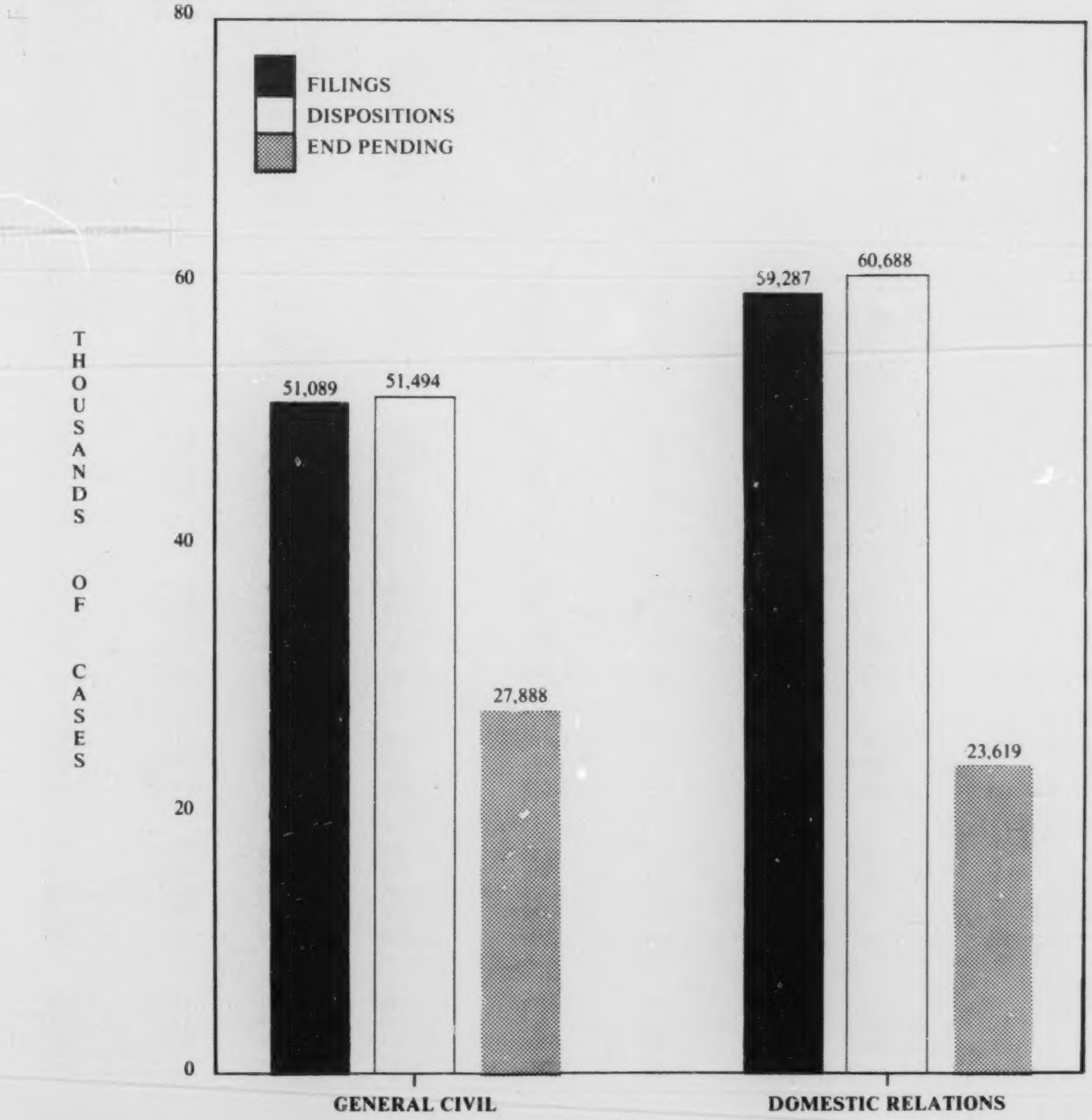


District court civil filings and dispositions have decreased for the last two years; this is in contrast to the upward trends of the past decade. During 1982-83, general civil filings decreased by .3%, domestic relations filings increased by .4%, and civil magistrate filings decreased by 4.4%.

GENERAL CIVIL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

1982-1983



Dispositions for general civil and domestic relations cases outnumbered case filings during the 1982-83 year, resulting in a reduction in the number of cases pending at the end of the year as compared to the number of cases pending at the beginning of the year.

CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR GENERAL CIVIL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

		Filings						
	Pending 7/1/82	Total	General Civil	Domestic Relations	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83
District 1								
Camden	24	35	5	30	59	48	81.4	11
Chowan	75	294	180	114	369	216	58.5	153
Currituck	133	198	96	102	331	266	80.4	65
Dare	138	293	160	133	431	288	66.8	143
Gates	23	84	34	50	107	65	60.7	42
Pasquotank	221	457	138	319	678	439	64.7	239
Perquimans	42	107	11	96	149	103	69.1	46
District Totals	656	1,468	624	844	2,124	1,425	67.1	699
District 2								
Beaufort	268	596	182	414	864	622	72.0	242
Hyde	27	63	23	40	90	56	62.2	34
Martin	206	309	80	229	515	331	64.3	184
Tyrrell	21	45	25	20	66	40	60.6	26
Washington	75	200	50	150	275	183	66.5	92
District Totals	597	1,213	360	853	1,810	1,232	68.1	578
District 3								
Carteret	499	739	234	505	1,238	736	59.4	502
Craven	808	1,745	790	955	2,553	1,830	71.7	723
Pamlico	75	130	32	98	205	126	61.5	79
Pitt	894	1,510	659	851	2,404	1,625	67.6	779
District Totals	2,276	4,124	1,715	2,409	6,400	4,317	67.4	2,083
District 4								
Duplin	416	508	208	300	924	588	63.6	336
Jones	73	111	52	59	184	103	56.0	81
Onslow	1,005	1,832	385	1,447	2,837	1,655	58.3	1,182
Sampson	309	673	248	425	982	664	67.6	318
District Totals	1,803	3,124	893	2,231	4,927	3,010	61.1	1,917
District 5								
New Hanover	1,453	3,967	2,535	1,432	5,420	3,341	61.6	2,079
Pender	169	342	101	241	511	291	56.9	220
District Totals	1,622	4,309	2,636	1,673	5,931	3,632	61.2	2,299
District 6								
Bertie	115	284	73	211	399	299	74.9	100
Halifax	179	759	211	548	938	769	82.0	169
Hertford	343	748	419	329	1,091	900	82.5	191
Northampton	73	349	171	178	422	341	80.8	81
District Totals	710	2,140	874	1,266	2,850	2,309	81.1	541
District 7								
Edgecombe	570	1,079	300	779	1,649	1,021	61.9	628
Nash	572	1,077	416	661	1,649	888	53.8	761
Wilson	558	1,211	308	903	1,769	1,076	60.8	693
District Totals	1,700	3,367	1,024	2,343	5,067	2,985	58.9	2,082
District 8								
Greene	35	125	6	119	160	121	75.6	39
Lenoir	585	1,444	615	829	2,029	1,494	73.6	535
Wayne	1,591	2,158	957	1,201	3,749	2,571	68.6	1,178
District Totals	2,211	3,727	1,578	2,149	5,938	4,186	70.5	1,752

CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR GENERAL CIVIL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

		Filings						
	Pending 7/1/82	Total	General Civil	Domestic Relations	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83
District 9								
Franklin	177	374	254	120	551	377	68.4	174
Granville	143	354	127	227	497	342	68.8	155
Person	172	383	155	228	555	402	72.4	153
Vance	335	651	136	515	986	775	78.6	211
Warren	110	259	77	182	369	297	80.5	72
District Totals	937	2,021	749	1,272	2,958	2,193	74.1	765
District 10								
Wake	4,063	7,543	4,968	2,575	11,606	7,559	65.1	4,047
District 11								
Harnett	468	1,337	514	823	1,805	1,476	81.8	329
Johnston	657	1,337	759	578	1,994	1,488	74.6	506
Lee	535	929	611	318	1,464	1,043	71.2	421
District Totals	1,660	3,603	1,884	1,719	5,263	4,007	76.1	1,256
District 12								
Cumberland	2,840	5,010	1,265	3,745	7,850	4,623	58.9	3,227
Hoke	120	315	138	177	435	326	74.9	109
District Totals	2,960	5,325	1,403	3,922	8,285	4,949	59.7	3,336
District 13								
Bladen	154	500	297	203	654	528	80.7	126
Brunswick	262	675	252	423	937	594	63.4	343
Columbus	335	1,051	408	643	1,386	909	65.6	477
District Totals	751	2,226	957	1,269	2,977	2,031	68.2	946
District 14								
Durham	1,592	3,147	1,836	1,311	4,739	3,200	67.5	1,539
District 15A								
Alamance	432	1,642	613	1,029	2,074	1,654	79.7	420
District 15B								
Chatham	131	356	123	233	487	319	65.5	168
Orange	702	870	524	346	1,572	708	45.0	864
District Totals	833	1,226	647	579	2,059	1,027	49.9	1,032
District 16								
Robeson	824	2,053	978	1,075	2,877	1,900	66.0	977
Scotland	285	531	206	325	816	533	65.3	283
District Totals	1,109	2,584	1,184	1,400	3,693	2,433	65.9	1,260
District 17A								
Caswell	89	245	55	190	334	244	73.1	90
Rockingham	369	1,278	490	788	1,647	1,266	76.9	381
District Totals	458	1,523	545	978	1,981	1,510	76.2	471
District 17B								
Stokes	133	243	68	175	376	278	73.9	98
Surry	408	1,014	563	451	1,422	1,005	70.7	417
District Totals	541	1,257	631	626	1,798	1,283	71.4	515
District 18								
Guilford	2,798	7,692	4,366	3,326	10,490	6,912	65.9	3,578

CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR GENERAL CIVIL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

		Filings						
	Pending 7/1/82	Total	General Civil	Domestic Relations	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83
District 19A								
Cabarrus	734	1,514	626	888	2,248	1,395	62.1	853
Rowan	543	1,140	419	721	1,683	1,313	78.0	370
District Totals	1,277	2,654	1,045	1,609	3,931	2,708	68.9	1,223
District 19B								
Montgomery	209	296	248	48	505	364	72.1	141
Randolph	311	1,059	302	757	1,370	1,089	79.5	281
District Totals	520	1,355	550	805	1,875	1,453	77.5	422
District 20								
Anson	180	304	91	213	484	291	60.1	193
Moore	422	788	368	420	1,210	752	62.1	458
Richmond	723	596	167	429	1,319	601	45.6	718
Stanly	475	644	358	286	1,119	734	65.6	385
Union	536	987	426	561	1,523	1,080	70.9	443
District Totals	2,336	3,319	1,410	1,909	5,655	3,458	61.1	2,197
District 21								
Forsyth	2,168	6,482	3,862	2,620	8,650	6,382	73.8	2,268
District 22								
Alexander	68	232	70	162	300	231	77.0	69
Davidson	429	1,453	537	916	1,882	1,383	73.5	499
Davie	108	252	82	170	360	156	43.3	204
Iredell	489	1,227	640	587	1,716	1,190	69.3	526
District Totals	1,094	3,164	1,329	1,835	4,258	2,960	69.5	1,298
District 23								
Alleghany	38	131	55	76	169	116	68.6	53
Ashe	104	208	77	131	312	217	69.5	95
Wilkes	362	1,235	742	493	1,597	1,279	80.1	318
Yadkin	124	327	128	199	451	333	73.8	118
District Totals	628	1,901	1,002	899	2,529	1,945	76.9	584
District 24								
Avery	96	245	126	119	341	224	65.7	117
Madison	87	115	39	76	202	129	63.9	73
Mitchell	59	176	63	113	235	172	73.2	63
Watauga	219	555	326	229	774	533	68.9	241
Yancey	79	157	60	97	236	157	66.5	79
District Totals	540	1,248	614	634	1,788	1,215	67.9	573
District 25								
Burke	475	1,209	545	664	1,684	1,140	67.7	544
Caldwell	670	1,362	747	615	2,032	1,417	69.7	615
Catawba	804	2,211	1,048	1,163	3,015	2,176	72.2	839
District Totals	1,949	4,782	2,340	2,442	6,731	4,733	70.3	1,998
District 26								
Mecklenburg	8,043	11,071	6,039	5,032	19,114	14,544	76.1	4,570
District 27A								
Gaston	1,124	2,401	612	1,789	3,525	2,444	69.3	1,081

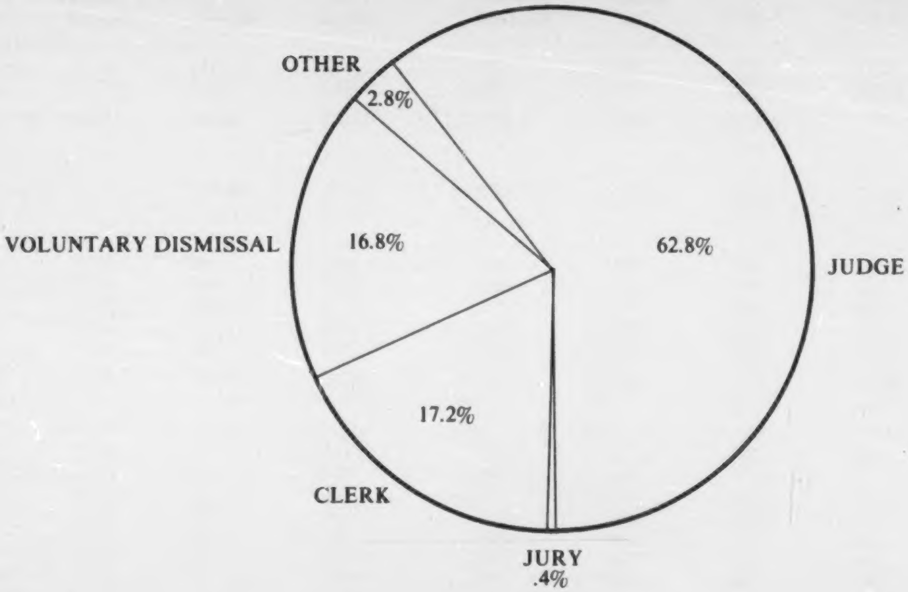
CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR GENERAL CIVIL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

	Pending 7/1/82	Filings			Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83
		Total	General Civil	Domestic Relations				
District 27B								
Cleveland	417	975	320	655	1,392	1,041	74.8	351
Lincoln	184	560	175	385	744	574	77.1	170
District Totals	601	1,535	495	1,040	2,136	1,615	75.6	521
District 28								
Buncombe	1,178	2,998	1,077	1,921	4,176	2,972	71.2	1,204
District 29								
Henderson	566	866	158	708	1,432	786	54.9	646
McDowell	182	457	115	342	639	494	77.3	145
Polk	40	119	55	64	159	105	66.0	54
Rutherford	227	572	160	412	799	524	65.6	275
Transylvania	188	318	81	237	506	336	66.4	170
District Totals	1,203	2,332	569	1,763	3,535	2,245	63.5	1,290
District 30								
Cherokee	186	217	6	211	403	176	43.7	227
Clay	27	77	16	61	104	66	63.5	38
Graham	28	91	21	70	119	76	63.9	43
Haywood	303	661	244	417	964	566	58.7	398
Jackson	114	375	170	205	489	332	67.9	157
Macon	141	294	139	155	435	265	60.9	170
Swain	144	158	62	96	302	173	57.3	129
District Totals	943	1,873	658	1,215	2,816	1,654	58.7	1,162
State Totals	53,313	110,376	51,089	59,287	163,689	112,182	68.5	51,507

METHODS OF DISPOSITION OF DISTRICT COURT GENERAL CIVIL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES

1982-1983



The majority of civil district cases, excluding civil magistrate cases, are disposed by judges. Only 490 jury trials were held in district court for civil cases during the 1982-83 year.

MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF GENERAL CIVIL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

		General Civil					Domestic Relations				
	Total Dispositions	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
District 1											
Camden	48	1	0	3	8	0	26	0	1	5	4
Chowan	216	16	0	20	61	4	96	0	0	12	7
Currituck	266	25	0	88	20	18	88	0	2	20	5
Dare	288	53	0	48	58	6	98	0	0	21	4
Gates	65	5	0	7	4	2	34	0	2	8	3
Pasquotank	439	37	2	60	37	5	268	0	1	22	7
Perquimans	103	8	1	9	5	1	71	0	0	7	1
District Totals	1,425	145	3	235	193	36	681	0	6	95	31
District 2											
Beaufort	622	71	12	62	57	9	382	1	1	18	9
Hyde	56	11	0	4	8	1	30	0	0	1	1
Martin	331	32	0	39	6	9	217	0	4	9	15
Tyrrell	40	13	0	3	1	1	21	0	0	0	1
Washington	183	25	0	18	17	3	111	0	3	1	5
District Totals	1,232	152	12	126	89	23	761	1	8	29	31
District 3											
Carteret	736	91	2	46	91	4	437	0	1	39	25
Craven	1,830	267	8	275	235	25	784	0	9	146	81
Pamlico	126	14	1	10	11	8	59	0	1	17	5
Pitt	1,625	254	1	286	182	8	776	0	5	82	31
District Totals	4,317	626	12	617	519	45	2,056	0	16	284	142
District 4											
Duplin	588	81	2	73	74	4	312	0	3	28	11
Jones	103	25	0	13	11	0	50	0	0	4	0
Onslow	1,655	169	2	54	84	11	1,202	0	2	89	42
Sampson	664	84	9	79	78	0	350	0	6	44	14
District Totals	3,010	359	13	219	247	15	1,914	0	11	165	67
District 5											
New Hanover	3,341	635	6	1,058	321	4	1,250	1	3	63	0
Pender	291	31	1	20	29	4	178	0	2	10	16
District Totals	3,632	666	7	1,078	350	8	1,428	1	5	73	16
District 6											
Bertie	299	24	2	29	12	4	214	0	0	10	4
Halifax	769	74	0	80	31	14	550	0	3	16	1
Hertford	900	106	2	244	189	7	321	0	6	19	6
Northampton	341	125	0	19	16	7	170	0	0	1	3
District Totals	2,309	329	4	372	248	32	1,255	0	9	46	14
District 7											
Edgecombe	1,021	151	5	115	46	0	650	0	6	22	26
Nash	888	56	5	138	99	3	541	0	5	22	19
Wilson	1,076	86	0	95	58	1	800	2	7	25	2
District Totals	2,985	293	10	348	203	4	1,991	2	18	69	47
District 8											
Greene	121	11	0	4	1	4	92	0	4	0	5
Lenoir	1,494	174	8	277	167	10	750	3	10	94	1
Wayne	2,571	326	14	371	552	4	1,057	2	26	212	7
District Totals	4,186	511	22	652	720	18	1,899	5	40	306	13

MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF GENERAL CIVIL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

		General Civil					Domestic Relations				
	Total Dispositions	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
District 9											
Franklin	377	174	0	16	49	7	116	0	1	11	3
Granville	342	47	1	32	41	1	163	0	31	21	5
Person	402	68	1	59	37	2	217	0	3	15	0
Vance	775	57	0	38	61	2	276	0	0	37	304
Warren	297	46	2	14	16	0	191	1	2	15	10
District Totals	2,193	392	4	159	204	12	963	1	37	99	322
District 10											
Wake	7,559	1,910	25	1,626	1,261	73	2,438	4	9	196	17
District 11											
Harnett	1,476	208	6	140	230	3	447	2	6	62	372
Johnston	1,488	360	10	213	236	19	480	2	10	125	33
Lee	1,043	173	6	298	187	58	282	0	5	32	2
District Totals	4,007	741	22	651	653	80	1,209	4	21	219	407
District 12											
Cumberland	4,623	444	8	380	288	3	3,131	1	32	302	34
Hoke	326	30	0	80	7	35	72	0	2	6	94
District Totals	4,949	474	8	460	295	38	3,203	1	34	308	128
District 13											
Bladen	528	75	6	160	70	4	182	3	2	21	5
Brunswick	594	71	0	50	76	5	363	0	1	26	2
Columbus	909	130	17	84	124	5	482	2	1	64	0
District Totals	2,031	276	23	294	270	14	1,027	5	4	111	7
District 14											
Durham	3,200	919	9	582	395	26	1,175	1	5	60	28
District 15A											
Alamance	1,654	151	13	210	222	38	737	1	12	86	184
District 15B											
Chatham	319	37	4	42	11	11	191	3	2	13	5
Orange	708	231	5	83	105	22	240	0	0	20	2
District Totals	1,027	268	9	125	116	33	431	3	2	33	7
District 16											
Robeson	1,900	280	6	264	242	49	986	0	10	60	14
Scotland	533	83	1	106	41	6	272	0	5	8	0
District Totals	2,433	363	7	370	283	55	1,258	0	15	68	14
District 17A											
Caswell	244	25	0	20	11	5	161	0	7	4	11
Rockingham	1,266	95	4	281	111	0	695	0	5	50	25
District Totals	1,510	120	4	301	122	5	856	0	12	54	36
District 17B											
Stokes	278	20	1	44	40	0	145	0	0	27	1
Surry	1,005	132	0	347	97	0	386	1	1	40	1
District Totals	1,283	152	1	391	137	0	531	1	1	67	2
District 18											
Guilford	6,912	1,028	22	1,627	1,041	50	2,889	4	33	172	46

MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF GENERAL CIVIL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

		General Civil					Domestic Relations				
	Total Dispositions	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
District 19A											
Cabarrus	1,395	153	3	187	214	2	718	2	5	101	10
Rowan	1,313	170	2	166	189	1	673	0	5	105	2
District Totals	2,708	323	5	353	403	3	1,391	2	10	206	12
District 19B											
Montgomery	364	179	0	16	59	5	97	0	0	7	1
Randolph	1,089	74	4	142	73	0	681	2	13	61	39
District Totals	1,453	253	4	158	132	5	778	2	13	68	40
District 20											
Anson	291	20	5	29	25	1	193	0	6	12	0
Moore	752	140	8	126	66	14	361	1	0	23	13
Richmond	601	55	2	89	52	4	334	0	18	40	7
Stanly	734	122	7	152	144	10	245	0	3	49	2
Union	1,080	161	9	148	153	2	553	2	7	39	6
District Totals	3,458	498	31	544	440	31	1,686	3	34	163	28
District 21											
Forsyth	6,382	869	30	1,663	1,384	26	2,154	4	24	185	43
District 22											
Alexander	231	27	0	19	22	0	142	0	3	15	3
Davidson	1,383	149	11	204	140	2	801	0	13	61	2
Davie	156	18	0	8	20	4	63	0	4	23	16
Iredell	1,190	142	5	259	180	11	498	1	9	76	9
District Totals	2,960	336	16	490	362	17	1,504	1	29	175	30
District 23											
Alleghany	116	24	0	11	0	9	64	0	0	0	8
Ashe	217	32	0	22	26	6	107	0	0	21	3
Wilkes	1,279	176	10	350	190	44	440	0	5	60	4
Yadkin	333	40	2	45	45	4	174	0	0	21	2
District Totals	1,945	272	12	428	261	63	785	0	5	102	17
District 24											
Avery	224	22	0	33	0	53	95	0	0	0	21
Madison	129	25	2	5	13	2	69	1	0	9	3
Mitchell	172	11	0	30	25	1	56	0	1	20	28
Watauga	533	39	0	104	149	4	201	0	6	23	7
Yancey	157	19	0	7	13	24	70	0	0	13	11
District Totals	1,215	116	2	179	200	84	491	1	7	65	70
District 25											
Burke	1,140	108	2	131	297	3	528	0	6	60	5
Caldwell	1,417	179	1	318	266	0	612	1	5	35	0
Catawba	2,176	217	8	460	160	127	1,078	1	8	66	51
District Totals	4,733	504	11	909	723	130	2,218	2	19	161	56
District 26											
Mecklenburg	14,544	2,636	11	2,420	1,932	65	7,243	3	43	180	11
District 27A											
Gaston	2,444	202	22	187	192	1	1,713	1	5	96	25

MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF GENERAL CIVIL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

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		General Civil					Domestic Relations				
	Total Dispositions	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
District 27B											
Cleveland	1,041	136	10	81	93	12	634	1	2	69	3
Lincoln	574	85	1	75	43	1	328	0	3	36	2
District Totals	1,615	221	11	156	136	13	962	1	5	105	5
District 28											
Buncombe	2,972	442	28	326	289	13	1,581	5	137	139	12
District 29											
Henderson	786	80	3	22	75	7	505	0	9	69	16
McDowell	494	56	0	28	38	0	343	0	6	20	3
Polk	105	16	0	14	15	3	45	0	0	10	2
Rutherford	524	41	8	51	48	8	339	0	1	28	0
Transylvania	336	42	3	17	34	2	210	0	0	26	2
District Totals	2,245	235	14	132	210	20	1,442	0	16	153	23
District 30											
Cherokee	176	6	0	0	0	1	133	0	12	6	18
Clay	66	9	1	6	5	2	25	2	6	7	3
Graham	76	4	0	4	9	1	46	0	0	11	1
Haywood	566	72	0	64	54	6	328	0	9	25	8
Jackson	332	33	0	29	73	6	152	0	0	22	17
Macon	265	41	0	36	31	21	107	1	1	12	15
Swain	173	39	0	9	22	5	70	0	1	20	7
District Totals	1,654	204	1	148	194	42	861	3	29	103	69
State Totals	112,182	16,986	428	18,536	14,426	1,118	53,511	62	674	4,441	2,000

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				Ages of Pending Cases (Days)								Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)				
	Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730
District 1																
Camden	11	225.2	105.0	4	2	2	3	0	48	147.8	88.5	25	11	6	6	0
Chowan	153	233.4	210.0	33	12	94	10	4	216	162.3	88.5	110	57	23	20	6
Currituck	65	177.1	118.0	27	18	13	5	2	266	172.9	119.0	117	79	46	19	5
Dare	143	229.8	141.0	52	32	40	9	10	288	171.6	106.5	133	60	65	24	6
Gates	42	261.2	199.5	12	8	14	5	3	65	103.4	62.0	46	3	13	3	0
Pasquotank	239	252.0	147.0	86	48	36	56	13	439	160.9	64.0	269	64	51	41	14
Perquimans	46	247.6	159.5	16	10	8	9	3	103	115.3	43.0	72	10	12	7	2
District Totals	699	236.3	168.0	230	130	207	97	35	1,425	159.1	81.0	772	284	216	120	33
District 2																
Beaufort	242	280.6	162.0	84	41	55	37	25	622	197.7	51.0	393	63	47	70	49
Hyde	34	286.5	236.5	12	3	7	9	3	56	123.1	60.5	38	9	3	4	2
Martin	184	701.4	451.5	38	18	24	45	59	331	206.2	51.0	220	39	27	22	23
Tyrrell	26	327.5	162.0	7	7	3	6	3	40	284.3	56.5	25	5	1	2	7
Washington	92	236.3	149.0	36	16	20	14	6	183	149.0	54.0	111	22	31	14	5
District Totals	578	410.0	224.5	177	85	109	111	96	1,232	192.1	52.0	787	138	109	112	86
District 3																
Carteret	502	379.3	315.5	118	78	72	150	84	736	186.5	65.0	421	114	98	53	50
Craven	723	244.9	141.0	275	142	138	126	42	1,830	195.7	84.0	957	280	321	149	123
Pamlico	79	302.6	251.0	18	11	23	22	5	126	182.1	79.0	67	19	25	10	5
Pitt	779	308.2	177.0	267	127	159	131	95	1,625	219.4	87.0	826	287	235	151	126
District Totals	2,083	303.1	184.0	678	358	392	429	226	4,317	202.7	82.0	2,271	700	679	363	304
District 4																
Duplin	336	439.8	320.0	95	35	52	77	77	588	275.1	91.5	291	82	94	63	58
Jones	81	562.8	357.0	20	11	11	15	24	103	216.6	53.0	62	13	10	8	10
Onslow	1,182	359.3	223.5	363	180	216	208	215	1,655	172.8	67.0	999	251	190	141	74
Sampson	318	259.6	133.0	128	47	53	64	26	664	146.2	64.0	403	102	88	51	20
District Totals	1,917	365.5	224.0	606	273	332	364	342	3,010	188.4	70.0	1,755	448	382	263	162
District 5																
New Hanover	2,079	290.2	153.0	732	403	415	346	183	3,341	136.3	58.0	2,311	392	316	229	93
Pender	220	323.1	210.5	73	32	43	40	32	291	142.2	63.0	178	41	42	22	8
District Totals	2,299	293.3	154.0	805	435	458	386	215	3,632	136.8	58.0	2,489	433	358	251	101
District 6																
Bertie	100	132.8	92.0	50	26	16	6	2	299	151.0	74.0	173	37	50	34	5
Halifax	169	109.6	63.0	109	29	22	9	0	769	86.9	48.0	544	102	93	29	1
Hertford	191	132.4	90.0	96	44	39	10	2	900	130.0	71.0	514	161	180	39	6
Northampton	81	168.1	86.0	44	13	18	2	4	341	81.9	35.0	249	43	27	21	1
District Totals	541	130.7	80.0	299	112	95	27	8	2,309	111.3	58.0	1,480	343	350	123	13

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District 7																
Edgecombe	628	530.3	365.5	161	75	78	148	166	1,021	143.2	51.0	714	151	74	33	49
Nash	761	430.5	308.5	216	106	87	162	190	888	92.3	53.0	637	141	73	25	12
Wilson	693	458.8	372.0	183	79	81	184	166	1,076	91.9	46.0	838	126	48	42	22
District Totals	2,082	470.0	344.0	560	260	246	494	522	2,985	111.1	49.0	2,189	418	195	100	83
District 8																
Greene	39	170.5	101.0	18	11	4	4	2	121	98.5	40.0	87	12	12	10	0
Lenoir	535	175.3	114.0	234	131	101	51	18	1,494	136.2	61.0	909	193	275	89	28
Wayne	1,178	269.6	202.0	368	190	311	228	81	2,571	255.8	107.0	1,184	283	180	827	97
District Totals	1,752	238.6	154.0	620	332	416	283	101	4,186	208.3	81.0	2,180	488	467	926	125
District 9																
Franklin	174	264.4	144.0	66	35	37	23	13	377	201.6	65.0	207	45	62	45	18
Granville	155	194.7	142.0	61	35	39	12	8	342	166.3	77.0	189	46	68	26	13
Person	153	278.3	129.0	55	36	18	25	19	402	135.8	49.0	271	37	53	29	12
Vance	211	233.8	132.0	90	38	43	27	13	775	173.1	55.0	472	79	117	72	35
Warren	72	208.3	107.5	32	11	15	11	3	297	172.0	51.0	176	32	42	28	19
District Totals	765	239.4	133.0	304	155	152	98	56	2,193	169.9	57.0	1,315	239	342	200	97
District 10																
Wake	4,047	283.1	199.0	1,345	573	906	908	315	7,559	195.2	71.0	4,209	978	1,019	943	410
District 11																
Harnett	329	135.3	77.0	176	63	66	21	3	1,476	137.6	48.0	935	119	219	185	18
Johnston	506	185.4	108.0	231	100	114	43	18	1,488	191.4	63.0	867	137	148	280	56
Lee	421	202.2	129.0	166	76	94	76	9	1,043	196.1	69.0	582	114	104	211	32
District Totals	1,256	177.9	107.0	573	239	274	140	30	4,007	172.8	60.0	2,384	370	471	676	106
District 12																
Cumberland	3,227	334.9	258.0	943	423	598	845	418	4,623	180.5	69.0	2,727	750	502	253	391
Hoke	109	339.1	174.0	43	13	14	22	17	326	91.6	49.0	235	48	25	16	2
District Totals	3,336	335.1	254.0	986	436	612	867	435	4,949	174.7	67.5	2,962	798	527	269	393
District 13																
Bladen	126	100.0	73.0	81	26	17	2	0	528	115.2	50.5	334	71	87	35	1
Brunswick	343	275.6	212.0	96	64	76	91	16	594	113.3	53.0	404	89	55	38	8
Columbus	477	156.7	125.0	187	107	147	32	4	909	125.3	66.0	538	110	211	47	3
District Totals	946	192.3	132.0	364	197	240	125	20	2,031	119.2	57.0	1,276	270	353	120	12
District 14																
Durham	1,539	237.0	136.0	587	294	324	252	82	3,200	225.5	83.0	1,663	514	367	400	256

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District 15A																
Alamance	420	106.1	55.0	269	86	42	21	2	1,654	98.5	57.0	1,156	276	153	62	7
District 15B																
Chatham	168	247.9	190.5	47	35	46	33	7	319	138.5	59.0	194	47	40	35	3
Orange	864	589.7	454.5	145	97	111	206	305	708	119.2	56.5	495	92	61	45	15
District Totals	1,032	534.0	393.0	192	132	157	239	312	1,027	125.2	57.0	689	139	101	80	18
District 16																
Robeson	977	260.4	161.0	312	224	209	152	80	1,900	128.4	51.0	1,275	253	213	94	65
Scotland	283	291.6	240.0	69	51	76	74	13	533	167.1	57.0	346	51	86	27	23
District Totals	1,260	267.4	170.0	381	275	285	226	93	2,433	136.8	52.0	1,621	304	299	121	88
District 17A																
Caswell	90	211.3	162.0	30	17	33	6	4	244	160.9	56.0	146	31	39	20	8
Rockingham	381	133.1	99.0	176	107	79	17	2	1,266	66.1	49.0	909	104	173	70	10
District Totals	471	148.0	106.0	206	124	112	23	6	1,510	117.6	49.0	1,055	135	212	90	18
District 17B																
Stokes	98	216.5	147.0	36	24	17	18	3	278	144.7	83.5	146	57	51	19	5
Surry	417	271.2	192.0	140	64	108	71	34	1,005	144.8	55.0	682	137	106	43	37
District Totals	515	260.8	171.0	176	88	125	89	37	1,283	144.8	57.0	828	194	157	62	42
District 18																
Guilford	3,578	235.8	127.0	1,460	753	810	298	257	6,912	129.3	66.0	4,216	1,037	1,225	376	58
District 19A																
Cabarrus	853	247.5	184.0	257	161	211	207	17	1,395	164.8	71.0	772	219	172	222	10
Rowan	370	170.8	82.0	192	77	64	23	14	1,313	146.9	71.0	728	172	301	102	10
District Totals	1,223	224.3	153.0	449	238	275	230	31	2,708	156.1	71.0	1,500	391	473	324	20
District 19B																
Montgomery	141	320.0	209.0	54	11	29	27	20	364	317.0	130.0	131	89	42	36	66
Randolph	281	140.2	85.0	146	66	43	22	4	1,089	122.0	49.0	720	104	173	81	11
District Totals	422	200.2	100.5	200	77	72	49	24	1,453	170.8	64.5	851	193	215	117	77
District 20																
Anson	193	419.3	325.0	48	26	29	44	46	291	117.0	50.5	203	36	27	17	8
Moore	458	328.6	246.0	137	63	84	120	54	752	188.0	63.0	435	121	85	51	60
Richmond	718	806.7	519.0	133	60	108	105	312	601	270.8	80.0	314	53	36	147	51
Stanly	385	508.1	330.0	109	39	58	79	100	734	265.9	63.0	428	70	44	100	92
Union	443	222.6	134.0	153	110	77	90	13	1,080	225.5	63.0	621	104	99	161	95
District Totals	2,197	502.9	290.0	580	298	356	438	525	3,458	224.7	63.0	2,001	384	291	476	306

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District 21																
Forsyth	2,268	139.0	91.0	1,129	600	350	156	33	6,382	129.8	75.0	3,661	1,234	1,125	305	57
District 22																
Alexander	69	203.6	127.0	29	13	12	13	2	231	87.4	42.0	178	29	16	3	5
Davidson	499	157.9	97.0	238	117	86	53	5	1,383	115.5	54.0	944	174	126	134	5
Davie	204	308.2	273.0	54	32	42	67	9	156	105.6	48.0	113	19	15	4	5
Iredell	526	223.6	138.5	209	88	105	102	22	1,190	137.1	55.5	799	160	100	94	37
District Totals	1,298	210.6	126.0	530	250	245	235	38	2,960	121.5	53.0	2,034	382	257	235	52
District 23																
Alleghany	53	132.0	91.0	26	18	6	2	1	116	117.3	54.5	76	19	13	7	1
Ashe	95	197.7	111.0	42	21	15	12	5	217	195.2	91.0	107	37	31	35	7
Wilkes	318	129.9	59.0	198	59	38	17	6	1,279	99.0	57.0	861	230	138	41	9
Yadkin	118	236.6	106.5	47	31	19	16	5	333	113.9	49.0	218	40	51	21	3
District Totals	584	162.7	78.0	313	129	78	47	17	1,945	113.3	57.0	1,262	326	233	104	20
District 24																
Avery	117	348.3	94.0	55	15	17	13	17	224	100.8	64.5	141	49	27	7	0
Madison	73	463.6	202.0	19	15	11	12	16	129	205.0	118.0	55	31	23	15	5
Mitchell	63	278.2	134.0	23	14	13	7	6	172	112.3	56.0	115	28	20	4	5
Watauga	241	270.5	191.0	79	35	79	29	19	533	102.7	76.0	317	142	63	11	0
Yancey	79	417.4	224.0	25	10	12	13	19	157	68.0	60.0	109	19	18	7	4
District Totals	573	332.1	171.0	201	89	132	74	77	1,215	117.5	70.0	737	269	151	44	14
District 25																
Burke	544	413.1	203.0	180	81	104	71	108	1,140	146.4	43.5	808	111	80	105	36
Caldwell	615	320.1	147.0	240	102	114	74	85	1,417	263.5	63.0	864	157	160	79	157
Catawba	839	181.3	134.0	349	153	225	96	16	2,176	168.2	56.0	1,404	204	256	226	86
District Totals	1,998	287.1	153.0	769	336	443	241	209	4,733	191.5	54.0	3,076	472	496	410	279
District 26																
Mecklenburg	4,570	192.0	111.0	2,064	972	785	546	203	14,544	379.1	132.0	6,306	1,505	1,771	1,936	3,026
District 27A																
Gaston	1,081	232.1	160.0	398	176	246	233	28	2,444	168.2	60.0	1,507	262	267	326	82
District 27B																
Cleveland	351	157.4	99.0	168	79	61	37	6	1,041	144.9	61.0	617	109	207	96	12
Lincoln	170	167.1	104.0	79	35	32	21	3	574	120.8	51.0	394	66	48	66	0
District Totals	521	160.5	100.0	247	114	93	58	9	1,615	136.3	57.0	1,011	175	255	162	12
District 28																
Buncombe	1,204	157.4	99.0	550	297	234	105	18	2,972	140.1	75.0	1,659	489	570	228	26

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				0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730				0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730
District 29																
Henderson	646	355.0	270.5	158	90	150	167	81	786	251.9	73.0	426	109	80	137	34
McDowell	145	212.4	106.0	64	33	26	13	9	494	125.9	51.0	329	57	65	36	7
Polk	54	214.4	116.5	22	11	11	8	2	105	131.2	68.0	64	19	15	5	2
Rutherford	275	231.6	164.0	98	49	66	51	11	524	155.9	50.0	341	60	47	57	19
Transylvania	170	283.7	245.0	49	21	55	35	10	336	302.4	68.0	183	43	20	57	33
District Totals	1,290	297.4	204.0	391	204	308	274	113	2,245	186.8	61.0	1,343	288	227	292	95
District 30																
Cherokee	227	393.3	365.0	47	34	33	78	35	176	193.4	87.5	91	35	24	13	13
Clay	38	200.6	186.5	8	10	16	3	1	66	112.6	68.0	41	12	11	2	0
Graham	43	228.2	143.0	14	10	12	5	2	76	114.8	69.0	45	12	17	2	0
Haywood	398	306.4	244.0	118	57	98	88	37	566	139.4	58.0	361	94	53	48	10
Jackson	157	156.7	84.0	81	42	14	17	3	332	168.0	70.0	183	69	37	24	19
Macon	170	548.8	270.0	41	27	36	27	39	265	182.1	65.0	160	38	34	18	15
Swain	129	399.5	237.0	37	20	20	29	23	173	359.2	149.0	63	35	22	19	34
District Totals	1,162	342.6	212.0	346	200	229	247	140	1,654	178.5	70.5	944	295	198	126	91
State Totals	51,507	275.1	150.0	18,985	9,317	10,140	8,410	4,655	112,182	189.8	68.0	65,189	15,171	14,511	10,742	6,569

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	Filings	Dispositions
District 1		
Camden	100	95
Chowan	701	839
Currituck	340	317
Dare	486	509
Gates	293	269
Pasquotank	803	793
Perquimans	438	450
District Totals	3,161	3,272
District 2		
Beaufort	1,538	1,602
Hyde	111	112
Martin	1,057	1,160
Tyrrell	162	147
Washington	527	564
District Totals	3,395	3,585
District 3		
Carteret	1,531	1,619
Craven	2,337	2,300
Pamlico	341	354
Pitt	3,112	3,211
District Totals	7,321	7,484
District 4		
Duplin	1,743	1,679
Jones	199	207
Onslow	2,292	2,027
Sampson	1,746	1,809
District Totals	5,980	5,722
District 5		
New Hanover	3,404	3,333
Pender	580	558
District Totals	3,984	3,891
District 6		
Bertie	893	889
Halifax	1,629	1,671
Hertford	768	804
Northampton	705	691
District Totals	3,995	4,055
District 7		
Edgecombe	5,316	5,294
Nash	3,865	3,962
Wilson	2,934	3,109
District Totals	12,115	12,365
District 8		
Greene	439	444
Lenoir	3,318	3,401
Wayne	2,657	2,636
District Totals	6,414	6,481

	Filings	Dispositions
District 9		
Franklin	1,078	1,003
Granville	1,083	1,087
Person	845	937
Vance	2,319	2,423
Warren	520	585
District Totals	5,845	6,035
District 10		
Wake	9,969	9,807
District 11		
Harnett	1,263	1,194
Johnston	2,490	2,524
Lee	1,081	1,158
District Totals	4,834	4,876
District 12		
Cumberland	9,232	9,417
Hoke	672	684
District Totals	9,904	10,101
District 13		
Bladen	1,956	1,781
Brunswick	1,030	800
Columbus	2,168	2,231
District Totals	5,154	4,812
District 14		
Durham	13,577	13,118
District 15A		
Alamance	2,878	2,886
District 15B		
Chatham	730	746
Orange	1,628	1,614
District Totals	2,358	2,360
District 16		
Robeson	6,082	6,492
Scotland	1,150	1,122
District Totals	7,232	7,614
District 17A		
Caswell	369	409
Rockingham	2,515	2,456
District Totals	2,884	2,865
District 17B		
Stokes	443	444
Surry	2,979	2,895
District Totals	3,422	3,339

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	Filings	Dispositions
District 18		
Guilford	9,424	9,234
High Point	4,302	4,361
District Totals	13,726	13,595
District 19A		
Cabarrus	1,628	1,614
Rowan	2,456	2,511
District Totals	4,084	4,125
District 19B		
Montgomery	953	962
Randolph	1,517	1,541
District Totals	2,470	2,503
District 20		
Anson	813	781
Moore	1,603	1,570
Richmond	1,614	1,669
Stanly	1,254	1,266
Union	1,503	1,494
District Totals	6,787	6,780
District 21		
Forsyth	8,631	8,560
District 22		
Alexander	440	486
Davidson	2,453	2,327
Davie	433	401
Iredell	2,520	2,552
District Totals	5,846	5,766
District 23		
Alleghany	396	379
Ashe	280	337
Wilkes	2,305	2,417
Yadkin	1,114	1,112
District Totals	4,095	4,245
District 24		
Avery	223	204
Madison	114	116
Mitchell	140	202
Watauga	375	388
Yancey	120	136
District Totals	972	1,046

	Filings	Dispositions
District 25		
Burke	1,308	1,322
Caldwell	2,633	2,598
Catawba	2,540	2,519
District Totals	6,481	6,439
District 26		
Mecklenburg	20,703	24,349
District 27A		
Gaston	4,063	3,929
District 27B		
Cleveland	3,408	3,495
Lincoln	604	592
District Totals	4,012	4,087
District 28		
Buncombe	4,830	4,914
District 29		
Henderson	632	600
McDowell	398	435
Polk	199	191
Rutherford	1,090	1,579
Transylvania	350	318
District Totals	2,669	3,123
District 30		
Cherokee	234	257
Clay	73	63
Graham	84	89
Haywood	974	951
Jackson	315	315
Macon	586	619
Swain	106	96
District Totals	2,372	2,390
	Total Filed	Total Disposed
State Totals	206,163	210,519

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	OFFENSES							CONDITIONS				
	Delinquent				Undisciplined			Dependent	Neglected	Abused		Children Before
	Capital	Other Felony	Misdemeanor	Total	Truancy	Other	Total				Grand Total	Court For First Time
District 1												
Camden	0	0	6	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	7	7
Chowan	0	7	24	31	0	0	0	0	2	0	33	23
Currituck	0	17	29	46	0	0	0	1	11	6	64	36
Dare	0	8	3	11	0	0	0	0	1	1	13	13
Gates	0	6	0	6	0	0	0	1	1	0	8	8
Pasquotank	0	40	70	110	0	2	2	2	2	1	117	42
Perquimans	0	1	12	13	0	0	0	0	0	1	14	9
District Totals	0	79	144	223	0	2	2	4	18	9	256	138
District 2												
Beaufort	0	15	38	53	1	0	1	12	12	0	78	42
Hyde	0	26	11	37	0	0	0	2	2	0	41	10
Martin	0	5	10	15	0	1	1	0	20	2	38	28
Tyrrell	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
Washington	0	2	15	17	2	0	2	0	0	0	19	17
District Totals	0	48	78	126	3	1	4	14	34	2	180	101
District 3												
Carteret	0	34	19	53	1	2	3	7	1	5	69	36
Craven	0	53	89	142	2	9	11	12	19	14	198	90
Pamlico	0	0	21	21	0	0	0	1	0	0	22	11
Pitt	0	53	215	268	2	5	7	35	29	5	344	88
District Totals	0	140	344	484	5	16	21	55	49	24	633	225
District 4												
Duplin	0	19	29	48	0	4	4	1	8	0	61	29
Jones	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	2	4	0	9	7
Onslow	0	109	86	195	2	3	5	20	33	16	269	93
Sampson	0	20	50	70	0	2	2	13	16	9	110	48
District Totals	0	148	168	316	2	9	11	36	61	25	449	177
District 5												
New Hanover	0	308	275	583	13	48	61	5	19	3	671	242
Pender	0	10	31	41	3	3	6	8	3	3	61	32
District Totals	0	318	306	624	16	51	67	13	22	6	732	274
District 6												
Bertie	0	2	21	23	0	0	0	8	5	3	39	39
Halifax	0	35	125	160	9	12	21	5	19	4	209	53
Hertford	0	1	21	22	0	0	0	5	8	4	39	35
Northampton	0	4	12	16	0	0	0	1	4	2	23	13
District Totals	0	42	179	221	9	12	21	19	36	13	310	140
District 7												
Edgecombe	0	59	109	168	0	10	10	16	32	1	227	110
Nash	1	34	108	143	4	9	13	19	22	6	203	111
Wilson	0	50	124	174	1	5	6	11	11	14	216	106
District Totals	1	143	341	485	5	24	29	46	65	21	646	327
District 8												
Greene	1	3	11	15	0	1	1	0	3	1	20	12
Lenoir	0	24	234	258	12	19	31	12	46	5	352	105
Wayne	0	52	22	74	8	5	13	33	62	6	188	103
District Totals	1	79	267	347	20	25	45	45	111	12	560	220

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	OFFENSES							CONDITIONS				
	Delinquent				Undisciplined			Dependent	Neglected	Abused		Children Before
	Capital	Other Felony	Misdemeanor	Total	Truancy	Other	Total				Grand Total	Court For First Time
District 9												
Franklin	0	25	10	35	0	10	10	3	5	1	54	25
Granville	0	25	29	54	1	7	8	17	11	5	95	48
Person	0	10	2	12	2	7	9	2	4	1	28	21
Vance	0	61	83	144	0	18	18	12	15	7	196	51
Warren	0	6	3	9	1	2	3	5	2	1	20	10
District Totals	0	127	127	254	4	44	48	39	37	15	393	155
District 10												
Wake	0	85	163	248	6	63	69	47	34	22	420	297
District 11												
Harnett	0	54	60	114	4	14	18	8	22	6	168	73
Johnston	0	68	88	156	2	13	15	3	7	2	183	69
Lee	0	33	61	94	1	0	1	7	13	4	119	60
District Totals	0	155	209	364	7	27	34	18	42	12	470	202
District 12												
Cumberland	0	221	342	563	28	235	263	89	113	27	1,055	474
Hoke	0	0	40	40	2	16	18	41	34	4	137	15
District Totals	0	221	382	603	30	251	281	130	147	31	1,192	489
District 13												
Bladen	0	4	15	19	2	2	4	1	4	2	30	23
Brunswick	0	49	82	131	2	30	32	1	33	3	200	89
Columbus	0	3	12	15	2	4	6	5	8	3	37	36
District Totals	0	56	109	165	6	36	42	7	45	8	267	148
District 14												
Durham	1	140	404	545	2	17	19	30	217	11	822	216
District 15A												
Alamance	0	31	77	108	5	26	31	14	17	9	179	78
District 15B												
Chatham	0	1	26	27	0	0	0	8	4	1	40	25
Orange	0	54	118	172	0	5	5	8	37	4	226	194
District Totals	0	55	144	199	0	5	5	16	41	5	266	219
District 16												
Robeson	0	220	121	341	10	15	25	64	84	17	531	231
Scotland	0	43	88	131	2	0	2	19	41	1	194	106
District Totals	0	263	209	472	12	15	27	83	125	18	725	337
District 17A												
Caswell	0	5	4	9	0	1	1	1	7	0	18	8
Rockingham	2	62	78	142	0	12	12	15	19	4	192	95
District Totals	2	67	82	151	0	13	13	16	26	4	210	103
District 17B												
Stokes	0	30	42	72	10	4	14	19	11	3	119	38
Surry	0	112	51	163	15	6	21	9	30	11	234	61
District Totals	0	142	93	235	25	10	35	28	41	14	353	99
District 18												
Guilford	0	285	779	1,064	65	90	155	121	85	20	1,445	485

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	OFFENSES							CONDITIONS				
	Delinquent				Undisciplined			Dependent	Neglected	Abused	Grand Total	Children Before Court For First Time
	Capital	Other Felony	Misdemeanor	Total	Truancy	Other	Total					
District 19A												
Cabarrus	0	43	58	101	1	6	7	16	27	5	156	101
Rowan	3	83	247	333	91	72	163	195	38	14	743	131
District Totals	3	126	305	434	92	78	170	211	65	19	899	232
District 19B												
Montgomery	0	3	14	17	4	2	6	3	2	2	30	24
Randolph	0	50	96	146	9	37	46	21	2	5	220	107
District Totals	0	53	110	163	13	39	52	24	4	7	250	131
District 20												
Anson	0	16	16	32	0	0	0	1	8	0	41	19
Moore	0	80	69	149	0	0	0	6	123	9	287	93
Richmond	0	87	56	143	1	6	7	3	24	2	179	76
Stanly	0	19	39	58	3	0	3	3	5	3	72	38
Union	0	84	104	188	6	15	21	26	59	7	301	135
District Totals	0	286	284	570	10	21	31	39	219	21	880	361
District 21												
Forsyth	0	87	163	250	6	58	64	9	76	16	415	300
District 22												
Alexander	0	4	16	20	4	10	14	2	5	1	42	38
Davidson	0	105	138	243	2	37	39	31	30	8	351	146
Davie	0	21	24	45	5	4	9	2	15	1	72	22
Iredell	0	4	108	112	4	40	44	10	18	0	184	80
District Totals	0	134	286	420	15	91	106	45	68	10	649	286
District 23												
Alleghany	0	2	4	6	3	0	3	2	3	1	15	10
Ashe	0	12	24	36	7	6	13	3	12	1	65	39
Wilkes	0	38	90	128	30	11	41	32	100	4	305	111
Yadkin	0	10	110	120	13	6	19	13	46	8	206	52
District Totals	0	62	228	290	53	23	76	50	161	14	591	212
District 24												
Avery	0	12	4	16	1	14	15	10	5	1	47	46
Madison	1	2	10	13	2	4	6	4	11	4	38	29
Mitchell	0	17	9	26	0	5	5	7	8	1	47	19
Watauga	0	22	24	46	1	12	13	7	23	0	89	34
Yancey	0	1	3	4	0	3	3	3	0	2	12	12
District Totals	1	54	50	105	4	38	42	31	47	8	233	140
District 25												
Burke	0	76	100	176	20	43	63	12	28	2	281	126
Caldwell	0	47	79	126	33	83	116	35	21	8	306	87
Catawba	4	106	70	180	6	27	33	37	34	15	299	118
District Totals	4	229	249	482	59	153	212	84	83	25	886	331
District 26												
Mecklenburg	0	384	591	975	15	99	114	9	184	1	1,283	617
District 27A												
Gaston	1	190	295	486	0	37	37	45	19	11	598	293
District 27B												
Cleveland	0	89	71	160	3	8	11	20	15	17	223	111
Lincoln	0	19	39	58	0	10	10	13	12	6	99	56
District Totals	0	108	110	218	3	18	21	33	27	23	322	167

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	OFFENSES							CONDITIONS				
	Delinquent				Undisciplined							
	Capital	Other Felony	Misdemeanor	Total	Truancy	Other	Total	Dependent	Neglected	Abused	Grand Total	Children Before Court For First Time
District 28												
Buncombe	0	133	211	344	24	170	194	63	59	18	678	220
District 29												
Henderson	0	1	83	84	27	28	55	10	15	2	166	61
McDowell	0	20	11	31	12	9	21	16	21	6	95	60
Polk	0	2	3	5	0	0	0	2	1	0	8	8
Rutherford	0	36	48	84	14	13	27	23	35	14	183	62
Transylvania	0	16	16	32	13	1	14	16	9	3	74	47
District Totals	0	75	161	236	66	51	117	67	81	25	526	238
District 30												
Cherokee	0	7	9	16	1	1	2	0	3	1	22	17
Clay	0	4	5	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	9
Graham	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	4	2	8	6
Haywood	0	14	7	21	4	7	11	5	6	8	51	64
Jackson	0	6	8	14	1	6	7	2	6	1	30	29
Macon	0	1	10	11	0	1	1	1	1	0	14	14
Swain	0	0	4	4	2	4	6	1	4	1	16	93
District Totals	0	32	44	76	9	19	28	9	24	13	150	232
State Totals	14	4,577	7,692	12,283	591	1,632	2,223	1,500	2,370	492	18,868	8,190

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	Delinquency Hearings			Undisciplined Hearings			Dependency Hearings			Neglect Hearings			Abuse Hearings			Total
	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Hearings
District 1																
Camden	4	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	7
Chowan	26	5	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	34
Currituck	34	5	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	6	5	1	6	51
Dare	7	4	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	13
Gates	4	2	6	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	8
Pasquotank	83	23	106	2	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	111
Perquimans	10	3	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	14
District Totals	168	44	212	2	0	2	1	0	1	14	1	15	7	1	8	238
District 2																
Beaufort	54	18	72	1	0	1	10	2	12	18	0	18	0	0	0	103
Hyde	32	5	37	0	0	0	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	41
Martin	14	8	22	0	0	0	0	1	1	6	22	28	1	1	2	53
Tyrrell	3	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Washington	17	0	17	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	20
District Totals	120	33	153	3	0	3	11	6	17	24	22	46	1	2	3	222
District 3																
Carteret	56	26	82	3	0	3	15	5	20	12	1	13	4	2	6	124
Craven	138	61	199	6	9	15	34	4	38	54	13	67	16	6	22	341
Pamlico	18	1	19	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
Pitt	229	100	329	9	3	12	60	3	63	50	7	57	1	2	3	464
District Totals	441	188	629	18	12	30	109	13	122	116	21	137	21	10	31	949
District 4																
Duplin	47	1	48	2	2	4	1	0	1	6	1	7	0	0	0	60
Jones	0	3	3	0	0	0	2	0	2	3	1	4	0	0	0	9
Onslow	92	46	138	5	5	10	26	0	26	41	2	43	30	0	30	247
Sampson	73	6	79	1	0	1	11	6	17	23	13	36	18	6	24	157
District Totals	212	56	268	8	7	15	40	6	46	73	17	90	48	6	54	473
District 5																
New Hanover	554	29	583	60	1	61	5	0	5	18	1	19	3	0	3	671
Pender	30	1	31	6	0	6	7	0	7	3	0	3	3	0	3	50
District Totals	584	30	614	66	1	67	12	0	12	21	1	22	6	0	6	721
District 6																
Bertie	22	0	22	6	5	11	7	0	7	1	0	1	3	0	3	44
Halifax	116	47	163	0	8	8	2	11	13	4	12	16	0	1	1	201
Hertford	9	30	39	0	0	0	0	4	4	6	4	10	3	3	6	59
Northampton	11	1	12	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	7	9	0	0	0	22
District Totals	158	78	236	6	13	19	10	15	25	13	23	36	6	4	10	326

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	Delinquency Hearings			Undisciplined Hearings			Dependency Hearings			Neglect Hearings			Abuse Hearings			Total
	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Hearings
District 7																
Edgecombe	162	55	217	11	3	14	17	6	23	32	0	32	1	0	1	287
Nash	111	29	140	11	3	14	16	4	20	20	1	21	10	0	10	205
Wilson	148	36	184	4	3	7	10	0	10	17	0	17	6	3	9	227
District Totals	421	120	541	26	9	35	43	10	53	69	1	70	17	3	20	719
District 8																
Greene	3	8	11	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	14
Lenoir	163	128	291	23	10	33	12	2	14	28	14	42	3	0	3	383
Wayne	159	27	186	17	4	21	20	5	25	56	1	57	4	0	4	293
District Totals	325	163	488	41	14	55	33	7	40	85	15	100	7	0	7	690
District 9																
Franklin	30	0	30	8	0	8	2	2	4	6	1	7	1	0	1	50
Granville	33	12	45	1	4	5	5	1	6	7	1	8	2	1	3	67
Person	20	17	37	5	6	11	25	2	27	24	3	27	1	0	1	103
Vance	88	53	141	4	9	13	11	4	15	8	3	11	6	3	9	189
Warren	7	0	7	6	2	8	2	3	5	15	2	17	8	1	9	46
District Totals	178	82	260	24	21	45	45	12	57	60	10	70	18	5	23	455
District 10																
Wake	360	27	387	16	3	19	81	8	89	76	3	79	53	3	56	630
District 11																
Harnett	171	11	182	42	2	44	29	8	37	217	16	233	30	4	34	530
Johnston	56	157	213	12	9	21	4	11	15	53	96	149	6	3	9	407
Lee	42	41	83	2	2	4	2	6	8	2	15	17	0	2	2	114
District Totals	269	209	478	56	13	69	35	25	60	272	127	399	36	9	45	1,051
District 12																
Cumberland	270	244	514	146	111	257	88	22	110	95	19	114	32	10	42	1,037
Hoke	28	6	34	3	9	12	50	1	51	37	1	38	4	0	4	139
District Totals	298	250	548	149	120	269	138	23	161	132	20	152	36	10	46	1,176
District 13																
Bladen	20	18	38	5	4	9	2	0	2	0	5	5	1	0	1	55
Brunswick	100	28	128	17	15	32	1	0	1	12	6	18	2	1	3	182
Columbus	31	7	38	18	2	20	16	0	16	63	2	65	11	0	11	150
District Totals	151	53	204	40	21	61	19	0	19	75	13	88	14	1	15	387
District 14																
Durham	444	241	685	11	7	18	5	16	21	173	79	252	18	1	19	995

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	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Hearings
District 15A																
Alamance	99	20	119	26	5	31	11	3	14	13	2	15	6	3	9	188
District 15B																
Chatham	29	12	41	0	2	2	8	0	8	3	0	3	0	0	0	54
Orange	264	43	307	13	2	15	14	4	18	122	22	144	13	4	17	501
District Totals	293	55	348	13	4	17	22	4	26	125	22	147	13	4	17	555
District 16																
Robeson	286	43	329	12	0	12	53	10	63	75	14	89	18	1	19	512
Scotland	127	15	142	2	0	2	24	3	27	48	7	55	0	1	1	227
District Totals	413	58	471	14	0	14	77	13	90	123	21	144	18	2	20	739
District 17A																
Caswell	3	11	14	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	1	18
Rockingham	87	39	126	7	8	15	10	4	14	13	10	23	4	2	6	184
District Totals	90	50	140	7	9	16	10	4	14	15	10	25	5	2	7	202
District 17B																
Stokes	64	12	76	14	1	15	13	0	13	4	4	8	4	0	4	116
Surry	202	7	209	15	4	19	5	2	7	26	5	31	12	2	14	280
District Totals	266	19	285	29	5	34	18	2	20	30	9	39	16	2	18	396
District 18																
Guilford	527	157	684	79	30	109	85	11	96	60	29	89	17	7	24	1,002
District 19A																
Cabarrus	102	2	104	5	1	6	20	0	20	25	0	25	3	2	5	160
Rowan	228	46	274	87	21	108	136	19	155	79	5	84	13	3	16	637
District Totals	330	48	378	92	22	114	156	19	175	104	5	109	16	5	21	797
District 19B																
Montgomery	91	13	104	9	3	12	6	1	7	24	0	24	3	0	3	150
Randolph	408	64	472	64	28	92	31	1	32	8	1	9	6	0	6	611
District Totals	499	77	576	73	31	104	37	2	39	32	1	33	9	0	9	761
District 20																
Anson	19	18	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	3	8	0	0	0	45
Moore	93	56	149	0	0	0	1	5	6	104	19	123	9	0	9	287
Richmond	133	89	222	1	5	6	4	9	13	35	25	60	7	3	10	311
Stanly	109	21	130	0	0	0	11	3	14	42	15	57	6	2	8	209
Union	187	11	198	12	8	20	13	0	13	55	3	58	7	0	7	296
District Totals	541	195	736	13	13	26	29	17	46	241	65	306	29	5	34	1,148

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District 21																
Forsyth	242	9	251	28	36	64	10	0	10	71	5	76	16	0	16	417
District 22																
Alexander	6	7	13	3	9	12	1	1	2	3	3	6	0	1	1	34
Davidson	198	30	228	13	6	19	26	7	33	35	5	40	5	3	8	328
Davie	44	3	47	12	2	14	8	2	10	13	1	14	1	1	2	87
Iredell	52	6	58	16	16	32	8	0	8	16	0	16	0	0	0	114
District Totals	300	46	346	44	33	77	43	10	53	67	9	76	6	5	11	563
District 23																
Alleghany	2	4	6	2	1	3	3	1	4	1	1	2	1	0	1	16
Ashe	29	30	59	14	4	18	2	0	2	28	0	28	2	0	2	109
Wilkes	106	4	110	36	3	39	20	4	24	100	5	105	6	0	6	284
Yadkin	87	41	128	22	0	22	12	4	16	28	18	46	6	2	8	220
District Totals	224	79	303	74	8	82	37	9	46	157	24	181	15	2	17	629
District 24																
Avery	30	11	41	27	5	32	35	1	36	14	0	14	6	1	7	130
Madison	32	11	43	10	2	12	30	4	34	64	14	78	25	4	29	196
Mitchell	17	11	28	5	1	6	8	7	15	29	2	31	1	0	1	81
Watauga	51	4	55	11	1	12	6	1	7	18	0	18	0	0	0	92
Yancey	14	6	20	21	2	23	14	4	18	19	1	20	4	1	5	86
District Totals	144	43	187	74	11	85	93	17	110	144	17	161	36	6	42	585
District 25																
Burke	142	44	186	81	25	106	55	6	61	229	17	246	10	0	10	609
Caldwell	97	46	143	119	39	158	66	5	71	60	3	63	20	1	21	456
Catawba	127	44	171	26	14	40	55	0	55	36	6	42	8	0	8	316
District Totals	366	134	500	226	78	304	176	11	187	325	26	351	38	1	39	1,381
District 26																
Mecklenburg	584	220	804	38	36	74	12	1	13	118	37	155	0	0	0	1,046
District 27A																
Gaston	287	119	406	21	13	34	41	4	45	19	0	19	11	0	11	515
District 27B																
Cleveland	136	40	176	5	3	8	6	3	9	18	0	18	17	1	18	229
Lincoln	30	27	57	6	4	10	5	4	9	2	5	7	3	1	4	87
District Totals	166	67	233	11	7	18	11	7	18	20	5	25	20	2	22	316
District 28																
Buncombe	146	96	242	68	93	161	40	9	49	41	10	51	17	2	19	522

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	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Hearings
District 29																
Henderson	78	7	85	44	10	54	6	4	10	52	15	67	2	1	3	219
McDowell	25	6	31	22	0	22	9	3	12	13	0	13	3	0	3	81
Polk	6	1	7	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	9
Rutherford	73	12	85	9	1	10	24	0	24	19	1	20	6	0	6	145
Transylvania	18	4	22	11	1	12	12	2	14	4	6	10	1	3	4	62
District Totals	200	30	230	86	12	98	52	9	61	89	22	111	12	4	16	516
District 30																
Cherokee	15	1	16	1	1	2	0	0	0	3	0	3	1	0	1	22
Clay	9	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Graham	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	2	4	0	0	0	6
Haywood	15	4	19	2	1	3	7	2	9	7	6	13	0	0	0	44
Jackson	8	5	13	4	3	7	0	0	0	1	3	4	0	0	0	24
Macon	8	0	8	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	11
Swain	4	0	4	3	3	6	1	0	1	4	0	4	1	0	1	16
District Totals	60	10	70	10	10	20	8	3	11	18	11	29	2	0	2	132
State Totals	9,906	3,106	13,012	1,492	697	2,189	1,550	296	1,846	3,015	683	3,698	590	107	697	21,442

FILING AND DISPOSITION TRENDS OF CRIMINAL CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

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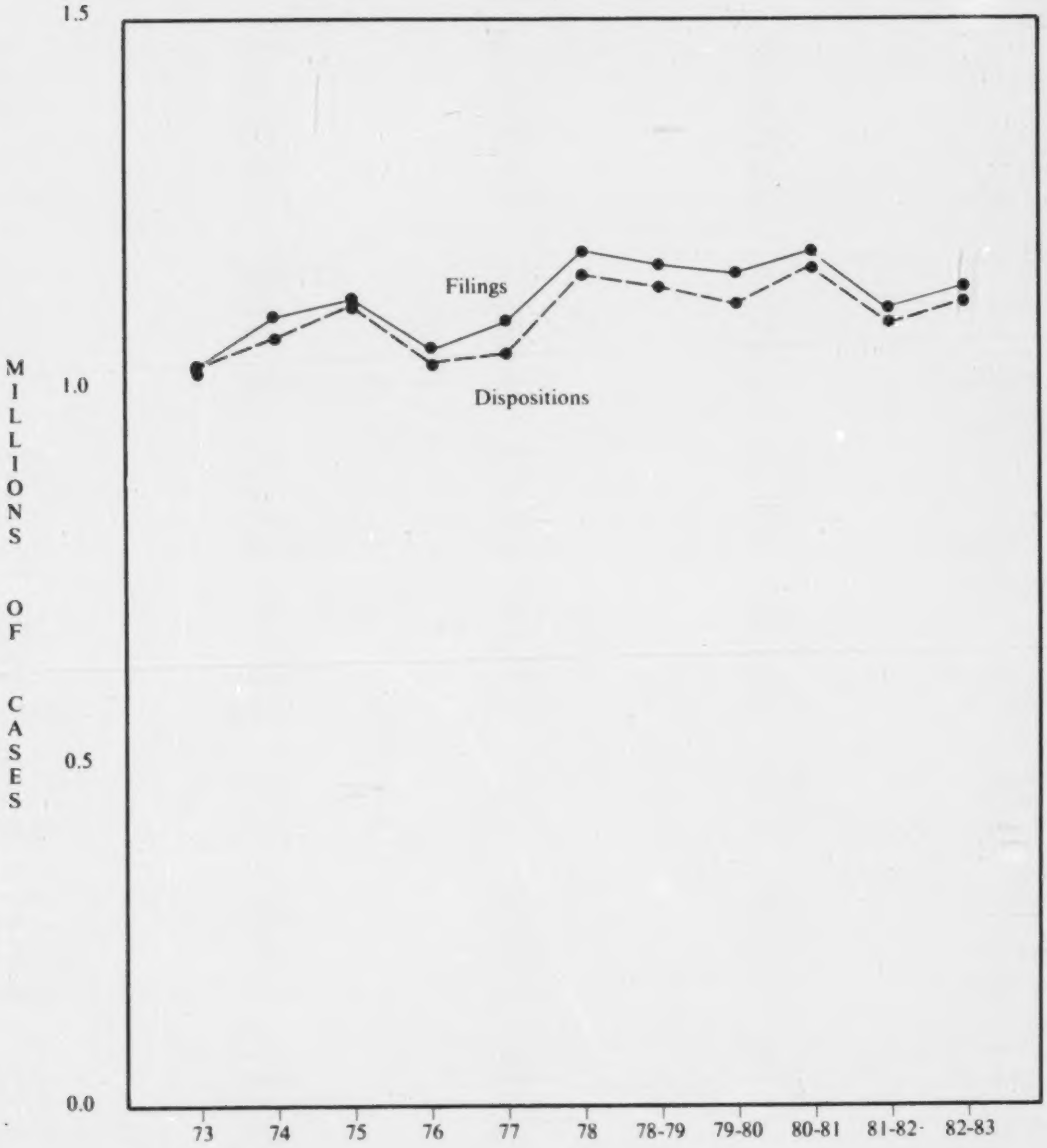

Motor vehicle cases dominate criminal filings and dispositions in the district courts. The increase in filings and dispositions shown here during 1982-83 was a direct result of a 7.6% increase in motor vehicle filings and a 4.3% increase in motor vehicle dispositions. During the 1982-83 year, 64.5% of the criminal district court filings and 64.3% of dispositions were traffic cases.

MOTOR VEHICLE CRIMINAL CASE FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

	Total Filed	Dispositions		
		Waiver	Other	Total Dispositions
District 1				
Camden	564	333	210	543
Chowan	1,091	722	383	1,105
Currituck	2,074	1,251	608	1,859
Dare	4,923	3,193	1,353	4,546
Gates	992	643	414	1,057
Pasquotank	2,278	1,319	877	2,196
Perquimans	1,178	934	269	1,203
District Totals	13,100	8,395	4,114	12,509
District 2				
Beaufort	4,829	2,812	1,989	4,801
Hyde	834	434	387	821
Martin	3,057	1,716	1,329	3,045
Tyrrell	400	215	164	379
Washington	1,060	711	317	1,028
District Totals	10,180	5,888	4,186	10,074
District 3				
Carteret	5,943	3,011	2,756	5,767
Craven	10,165	5,671	4,515	10,186
Pamlico	659	358	322	680
Pitt	7,553	3,893	3,425	7,318
District Totals	24,320	12,933	11,018	23,951
District 4				
Duplin	4,534	2,400	1,878	4,278
Jones	1,197	625	438	1,063
Onslow	10,636	4,768	6,082	10,850
Sampson	7,476	4,811	2,734	7,545
District Totals	23,843	12,604	11,132	23,736
District 5				
New Hanover	12,973	6,018	6,596	12,614
Pender	3,458	1,718	1,675	3,393
District Totals	16,431	7,736	8,271	16,007
District 6				
Bertie	3,012	1,919	913	2,832
Halifax	10,535	5,477	4,609	10,086
Hertford	3,306	2,064	1,085	3,149
Northampton	4,099	2,318	1,995	4,313
District Totals	20,952	11,778	8,602	20,380
District 7				
Edgecombe	4,923	3,356	1,727	5,083
Nash	8,582	5,845	3,003	8,848
Wilson	5,869	3,982	2,458	6,440
District Totals	19,374	13,183	7,188	20,371
District 8				
Greene	1,722	1,088	572	1,660
Lenoir	7,404	3,894	3,314	7,208
Wayne	10,924	6,008	4,847	10,855
District Totals	20,050	10,990	8,733	19,723
District 9				
Franklin	2,065	1,018	1,099	2,117
Granville	4,401	2,727	1,647	4,374
Person	2,133	1,005	1,144	2,149
Vance	5,485	3,177	2,033	5,210
Warren	2,582	1,378	1,129	2,507
District Totals	16,666	9,305	7,052	16,357

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	Total Filed	Dispositions		
		Waiver	Other	Total Dispositions
District 10				
Wake	52,897	24,896	26,682	51,578
District 11				
Harnett	5,657	2,902	2,630	5,532
Johnston	9,353	4,809	4,748	9,557
Lee	4,355	2,646	1,524	4,170
District Totals	19,365	10,357	8,902	19,259
District 12				
Cumberland	30,003	14,834	14,282	29,116
Hoke	2,665	1,740	828	2,568
District Totals	32,668	16,574	15,110	31,684
District 13				
Bladen	4,667	2,328	2,519	4,847
Brunswick	4,058	1,976	2,069	4,045
Columbus	5,713	2,741	3,052	5,793
District Totals	14,438	7,045	7,640	14,685
District 14				
Durham	17,080	9,102	7,165	16,267
District 15A				
Alamance	13,199	7,900	5,415	13,315
District 15B				
Chatham	3,770	2,024	1,637	3,661
Orange	10,050	4,826	4,708	9,534
District Totals	13,820	6,850	6,345	13,195
District 16				
Robeson	11,691	5,440	6,647	12,087
Scotland	3,633	1,966	1,632	3,598
District Totals	15,324	7,406	8,279	15,685
District 17A				
Caswell	1,957	1,207	706	1,913
Rockingham	9,395	5,885	3,400	9,285
District Totals	11,352	7,092	4,106	11,198
District 17B				
Stokes	2,673	1,530	1,107	2,637
Surry	6,675	3,991	2,517	6,508
District Totals	9,348	5,521	3,624	9,145
District 18				
Guilford	39,510	17,961	18,342	36,303
High Point	13,592	7,264	6,329	13,593
District Totals	53,102	25,225	24,671	49,896
District 19A				
Cabarrus	13,205	8,312	4,759	13,071
Rowan	11,672	7,632	3,755	11,387
District Totals	24,877	15,944	8,514	24,458
District 19B				
Montgomery	4,098	2,776	1,490	4,266
Randolph	8,215	5,003	3,052	8,055
District Totals	12,313	7,779	4,542	12,321

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	Total Filed	Dispositions		
		Waiver	Other	Total Dispositions
District 20				
Anson	3,701	2,279	1,253	3,532
Moore	6,560	2,682	3,498	6,180
Richmond	3,442	1,814	1,544	3,358
Stanly	5,193	2,885	2,176	5,061
Union	5,881	3,375	2,326	5,701
District Totals	24,777	13,035	10,797	23,832
District 21				
Forsyth	39,682	20,143	19,674	39,817
District 22				
Alexander	1,840	778	1,151	1,929
Davidson	13,351	8,283	5,333	13,616
Davie	3,287	2,124	1,196	3,320
Iredell	8,880	5,595	2,785	8,380
District Totals	27,358	16,780	10,465	27,245
District 23				
Alleghany	687	413	278	691
Ashe	2,135	1,351	774	2,125
Wilkes	6,555	3,352	2,556	5,908
Yadkin	4,133	2,656	1,489	4,145
District Totals	13,510	7,772	5,097	12,869
District 24				
Avery	1,555	840	944	1,784
Madison	1,181	689	488	1,177
Mitchell	661	359	283	642
Watauga	3,935	2,324	1,607	3,931
Yancey	1,524	775	671	1,446
District Totals	8,856	4,987	3,993	8,980
District 25				
Burke	10,784	7,290	3,716	11,006
Caldwell	6,724	3,506	3,024	6,530
Catawba	13,661	7,546	5,837	13,383
District Totals	31,169	18,342	12,577	30,919
District 26				
Mecklenburg	47,098	25,178	21,624	46,802
District 27A				
Gaston	18,480	8,923	9,123	18,046
District 27B				
Cleveland	6,839	3,860	2,890	6,750
Lincoln	3,843	1,872	1,633	3,505
District Totals	10,682	5,732	4,523	10,255
District 28				
Buncombe	19,492	12,838	6,458	19,296
District 29				
Henderson	6,309	4,533	2,174	6,707
McDowell	3,771	2,406	1,223	3,629
Polk	1,488	929	584	1,513
Rutherford	4,801	2,864	1,612	4,476
Transylvania	1,744	1,062	754	1,816
District Totals	18,113	11,794	6,347	18,141

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	Total Filed	Dispositions		
		Waiver	Other	Total Dispositions
District 30				
Cherokee	1,965	1,130	795	1,925
Clay	422	241	151	392
Graham	474	310	188	498
Haywood	5,902	3,973	1,604	5,577
Jackson	2,308	1,446	900	2,346
Macon	2,365	1,466	774	2,240
Swain	1,165	672	394	1,066
District Totals	14,601	9,238	4,806	14,044
State Totals	728,517	399,265	316,775	716,040

CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CRIMINAL NON-MOTOR VEHICLE CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

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	Pending 7/1/82	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83
District 1						
Camden	6	149	155	147	94.8	8
Chowan	41	631	672	631	93.8	41
Currituck	48	735	783	729	93.1	54
Dare	210	1,307	1,517	1,142	75.2	375
Gates	4	210	214	194	90.6	20
Pasquotank	128	2,004	2,132	2,014	94.4	118
Perquimans	10	332	342	285	83.3	57
District Totals	447	5,368	5,815	5,142	88.4	673
District 2						
Beaufort	93	2,659	2,752	2,637	95.8	115
Hyde	19	445	464	380	81.8	84
Martin	113	1,293	1,406	1,323	94.0	83
Tyrrell	35	182	217	204	94.0	13
Washington	27	782	809	799	98.7	10
District Totals	287	5,361	5,648	5,343	94.5	305
District 3						
Carteret	794	4,117	4,911	3,934	80.1	977
Craven	600	4,448	5,048	4,434	87.8	614
Pamlico	59	514	573	507	88.4	66
Pitt	736	7,926	8,662	7,882	90.9	780
District Totals	2,189	17,005	19,194	16,757	87.3	2,437
[redacted]						
[redacted]	287	2,376	2,663	2,458	92.3	205
[redacted]	88	453	541	412	76.1	129
[redacted]	605	7,945	8,550	7,765	90.8	785
[redacted]	370	3,224	3,594	3,230	89.8	364
[redacted]	1,350	13,998	15,348	13,865	90.4	1,483
District 5						
New Hanover	1,012	9,896	10,908	9,682	88.7	1,226
Pender	196	1,102	1,298	1,037	79.8	261
District Totals	1,208	10,998	12,206	10,719	87.8	1,487
District 6						
Bertie	66	940	1,006	957	95.1	49
Halifax	403	3,863	4,266	3,797	89.0	469
Hertford	177	1,546	1,723	1,539	89.3	184
Northampton	88	881	969	907	93.6	62
District Totals	734	7,230	7,964	7,200	90.4	764
District 7						
Edgecombe	621	4,966	5,587	4,910	87.8	677
Nash	826	5,580	6,406	5,666	88.4	740
Wilson	995	5,012	6,007	4,691	78.0	1,316
District Totals	2,442	15,558	18,000	15,267	84.8	2,733
District 8						
Greene	46	813	859	818	95.2	41
Lenoir	555	4,401	4,956	4,502	90.8	454
Wayne	943	6,614	7,557	6,326	83.7	1,231
District Totals	1,544	11,828	13,372	11,646	87.0	1,726

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CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CRIMINAL NON-MOTOR VEHICLE CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

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	Pending 7/1/82	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83
District 9						
Franklin	226	1,780	2,006	1,861	92.7	145
Granville	158	2,106	2,264	2,065	91.2	199
Person	226	1,603	1,829	1,652	90.3	177
Vance	333	2,598	2,931	2,663	90.8	268
Warren	76	895	971	884	91.0	87
District Totals	1,019	8,982	10,001	9,125	91.2	876
District 10						
Wake	5,440	26,261	31,701	26,775	84.4	4,926
District 11						
Harnett	362	3,333	3,695	3,345	90.5	350
Johnston	455	4,897	5,352	4,919	91.9	433
Lee	300	3,646	3,946	3,623	91.8	323
District Totals	1,117	11,876	12,993	11,887	91.4	1,106
District 12						
Cumberland	3,762	20,232	23,994	20,494	85.4	3,500
Hoke	208	1,386	1,594	1,433	89.8	161
District Totals	3,970	21,618	25,588	21,927	85.6	3,661
District 13						
Bladen	283	2,373	2,656	2,408	90.6	248
Brunswick	449	2,397	2,846	2,390	83.9	456
Columbus	399	4,188	4,587	4,125	89.9	462
District Totals	1,131	8,958	10,089	8,923	88.4	1,166
District 14						
Durham	2,728	13,046	15,774	13,536	85.8	2,238
District 15A						
Alamance	747	6,276	7,023	6,288	89.5	735
District 15B						
Chatham	123	1,821	1,944	1,725	88.7	219
Orange	591	4,246	4,837	4,200	86.8	637
District Totals	714	6,067	6,781	5,925	87.3	856
District 16						
Robeson	924	8,633	9,557	8,620	90.1	937
Scotland	344	2,986	3,330	3,025	90.8	305
District Totals	1,268	11,619	12,887	11,645	90.3	1,242
District 17A						
Caswell	55	732	787	731	92.8	56
Rockingham	602	6,019	6,621	6,180	93.3	441
District Totals	657	6,751	7,408	6,911	93.2	497
District 17B						
Stokes	96	1,034	1,130	1,031	91.2	99
Surry	375	2,849	3,224	2,934	91.0	290
District Totals	471	3,883	4,354	3,965	91.0	389
District 18						
Guilford	8,402	26,041	34,443	25,185	73.1	9,258

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	Pending 7/1/82	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83
District 19A						
Cabarrus	595	4,761	5,356	4,651	86.8	705
Rowan	650	3,971	4,621	3,668	79.3	953
District Totals	1,245	8,732	9,977	8,319	83.3	1,658
District 19B						
Montgomery	278	2,053	2,331	2,104	90.2	227
Randolph	571	4,136	4,707	4,085	86.7	622
District Totals	849	6,189	7,038	6,189	87.9	849
District 20						
Anson	164	2,086	2,250	1,937	86.0	313
Moore	369	3,871	4,240	3,862	91.0	378
Richmond	426	2,964	3,390	2,826	83.3	564
Stanly	303	2,280	2,583	2,164	83.7	419
Union	342	3,790	4,132	3,762	91.0	370
District Totals	1,604	14,991	16,595	14,551	87.6	2,044
District 21						
Forsyth	3,157	17,218	20,375	16,253	79.7	4,122
District 22						
Alexander	218	1,177	1,395	1,285	92.1	110
Davidson	872	7,237	8,109	7,267	89.6	842
Davie	114	805	919	788	85.7	131
Iredell	931	5,161	6,092	5,078	83.3	1,014
District Totals	2,135	14,380	16,515	14,418	87.3	2,097
District 23						
Alleghany	32	268	300	275	91.6	25
Ashe	89	794	883	713	80.7	170
Wilkes	343	2,934	3,277	2,787	85.0	490
Yadkin	96	826	922	818	88.7	104
District Totals	560	4,822	5,382	4,593	85.3	789
District 24						
Avery	138	478	616	483	78.4	133
Madison	86	424	510	444	87.0	66
Mitchell	75	269	344	287	83.4	57
Watauga	305	1,004	1,309	894	68.2	415
Yancey	108	437	545	396	72.6	149
District Totals	712	2,612	3,324	2,504	75.3	820
District 25						
Burke	383	3,715	4,098	3,669	89.5	429
Caldwell	966	4,017	4,983	3,619	72.6	1,364
Catawba	619	6,034	6,653	6,023	90.5	630
District Totals	1,968	13,766	15,734	13,311	84.6	2,423
District 26						
Mecklenburg	7,853	34,281	42,134	34,534	81.9	7,600
District 27A						
Gaston	2,443	13,164	15,607	13,367	85.6	2,240

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	Pending 7/1/82	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83
District 27B						
Cleveland	328	3,995	4,323	3,946	91.2	377
Lincoln	212	2,244	2,456	2,266	92.2	190
District Totals	540	6,239	6,779	6,212	91.6	567
District 28						
Buncombe	1,101	10,329	11,430	10,382	90.8	1,048
District 29						
Henderson	535	3,361	3,896	3,151	80.8	745
McDowell	216	1,670	1,886	1,527	80.9	359
Polk	76	520	596	508	85.2	88
Rutherford	466	2,908	3,374	2,632	78.0	742
Transylvania	108	980	1,088	917	84.2	171
District Totals	1,401	9,439	10,840	8,735	80.5	2,105
District 30						
Cherokee	129	829	958	787	82.1	171
Clay	22	164	186	143	76.8	43
Graham	52	311	363	326	89.8	37
Haywood	549	2,327	2,876	2,569	89.3	307
Jackson	314	872	1,186	1,088	91.7	98
Macon	326	632	958	626	65.3	332
Swain	55	489	544	482	88.6	62
District Totals	1,447	5,624	7,071	6,021	85.1	1,050
State Totals	64,880	400,515	465,390	397,420	85.4	67,970

METHODS OF DISPOSITION OF DISTRICT COURT NON-MOTOR VEHICLE CASES

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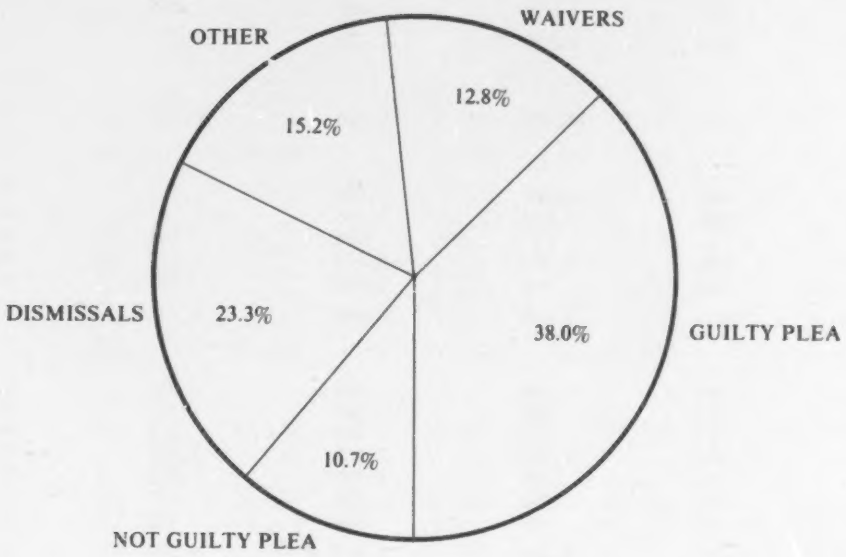

Guilty pleas continue to represent the largest method of disposition of non-motor vehicle cases in the district courts. The waivers depicted here are worthless check cases.

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		Waiver		Guilty Plea		Not Guilty Plea				Speedy		
	Total Disposed	Magistrate	Clerk	Judge	Magistrate	Judge	Magistrate	Prelim. Hearing	Dismissal by D.A.	Trial Dismissal	Other	% Disposed By Waiver
District 1												
Camden	147	0	0	25	19	12	0	19	14	0	58	.0
Chowan	631	60	2	217	29	116	0	44	82	0	81	9.8
Currituck	729	9	11	180	163	152	1	36	130	0	47	2.7
Dare	1,142	12	30	435	160	84	4	53	271	0	93	3.6
Gates	194	9	19	53	47	29	1	6	18	0	12	14.4
Pasquotank	2,014	102	60	826	45	509	2	148	273	0	49	8.0
Perquimans	285	17	0	70	36	58	0	26	32	0	46	5.9
District Totals	5,142	209	122	1,806	499	960	8	332	820	0	386	6.4
District 2												
Beaufort	2,637	470	46	922	141	453	0	128	199	0	278	19.5
Hyde	380	0	16	94	70	63	0	59	29	0	49	4.2
Martin	1,323	191	97	526	34	175	0	103	84	0	113	21.7
Tyrrell	204	16	8	17	16	62	1	22	4	0	58	11.7
Washington	799	147	36	180	75	174	0	100	57	0	30	22.9
District Totals	5,343	824	203	1,739	336	927	1	412	373	0	528	19.2
District 3												
Carteret	3,934	293	220	1,092	630	166	3	230	1,192	0	108	13.0
Craven	4,434	584	160	1,312	160	402	0	172	1,292	0	352	16.7
Pamlico	507	14	25	114	82	44	0	22	178	0	28	7.6
Pitt	7,882	1,375	879	2,369	164	705	0	578	1,495	0	317	28.5
District Totals	16,757	2,266	1,284	4,887	1,036	1,317	3	1,002	4,157	0	805	21.1
District 4												
Duplin	2,458	264	220	1,011	7	69	1	114	286	0	486	19.7
Jones	412	24	13	146	68	44	2	14	70	0	31	8.9
Onslow	7,765	1,216	390	2,844	268	480	0	41	1,112	0	1,414	20.6
Sampson	3,230	593	318	1,253	14	106	5	4	389	0	548	28.2
District Totals	13,865	2,097	941	5,254	357	699	8	173	1,857	0	2,479	21.9
District 5												
New Hanover	9,682	822	297	3,491	129	1,280	2	1,425	2,006	0	230	11.5
Pender	1,037	15	12	389	128	180	0	83	176	0	54	2.6
District Totals	10,719	837	309	3,880	257	1,460	2	1,508	2,182	0	284	10.6
District 6												
Bertie	957	18	44	289	78	207	0	78	140	0	103	6.4
Halifax	3,797	238	89	1,123	298	531	0	301	854	0	363	8.6
Hertford	1,539	210	65	474	62	205	2	136	115	0	270	17.8
Northampton	907	30	57	251	100	155	3	71	152	0	88	9.5
District Totals	7,200	496	255	2,137	538	1,098	5	586	1,261	0	824	10.4
District 7												
Edgecombe	4,910	654	252	1,450	303	737	1	236	1,036	0	241	18.4
Nash	5,666	1,179	387	1,704	172	549	0	254	1,162	0	259	27.6
Wilson	4,691	549	240	1,746	172	500	0	463	928	0	93	16.8
District Totals	15,267	2,382	879	4,900	647	1,786	1	953	3,126	0	593	21.3
District 8												
Greene	818	141	2	196	36	67	0	88	184	0	104	17.4
Lenoir	4,502	168	0	1,491	563	352	0	259	1,302	0	367	3.7
Wayne	6,326	431	696	1,866	157	389	0	58	2,096	0	633	17.8
District Totals	11,646	740	698	3,553	756	808	0	405	3,582	0	1,104	12.3

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		Magistrate	Clerk	Judge	Magistrate	Judge	Magistrate					
District 9												
Franklin	1,861	306	72	529	43	249	0	311	302	0	49	20.3
Granville	2,065	301	165	728	65	296	2	151	281	0	76	22.5
Person	1,652	188	16	499	74	337	0	84	259	0	195	12.3
Vance	2,663	410	166	935	3	354	0	130	448	0	217	21.6
Warren	884	63	40	201	82	177	0	52	228	0	41	11.6
District Totals	9,125	1,268	459	2,892	267	1,413	2	728	1,518	0	578	18.9
District 10												
Wake	26,775	248	4,937	8,382	1,133	1,798	0	2,189	7,043	0	1,045	19.3
District 11												
Harnett	3,345	414	421	922	66	361	0	223	564	0	374	24.9
Johnston	4,919	665	517	1,580	177	568	0	251	804	0	357	24.0
Lee	3,623	842	66	1,159	0	444	0	183	519	0	410	25.0
District Totals	11,887	1,921	1,004	3,661	243	1,373	0	657	1,887	0	1,141	24.6
District 12												
Cumberland	20,494	273	3,976	6,712	216	1,545	0	67	5,697	0	2,008	20.7
Hoke	1,433	51	251	447	38	235	0	41	235	0	135	21.0
District Totals	21,927	324	4,227	7,159	254	1,780	0	108	5,932	0	2,143	20.7
District 13												
Bladen	2,408	98	224	810	263	223	0	102	570	0	118	13.3
Brunswick	2,390	119	27	767	254	210	0	70	830	0	113	6.1
Columbus	4,125	318	928	1,296	96	419	0	127	723	0	218	30.2
District Totals	8,923	535	1,179	2,873	613	852	0	299	2,123	0	449	19.2
District 14												
Durham	13,536	698	864	5,573	4	674	0	552	4,023	0	1,148	11.5
District 15A												
Alamance	6,288	489	50	2,766	170	908	0	477	1,135	0	293	8.5
District 15B												
Chatham	1,725	68	87	350	608	126	0	160	259	0	67	8.9
Orange	4,200	515	0	1,544	288	275	0	224	1,058	0	296	12.2
District Totals	5,925	583	87	1,894	896	401	0	384	1,317	0	363	11.3
District 16												
Robeson	8,620	1,182	55	4,184	66	997	0	1,037	662	0	437	14.3
Scotland	3,025	332	34	1,383	118	368	1	214	209	0	366	12.0
District Totals	11,645	1,514	89	5,567	184	1,365	1	1,251	871	0	803	13.7
District 17A												
Caswell	731	32	0	160	36	220	0	70	131	0	82	4.3
Rockingham	6,180	361	38	2,062	440	1,263	0	232	793	0	991	6.4
District Totals	6,911	393	38	2,222	476	1,483	0	302	924	0	1,073	6.2
District 17B												
Stokes	1,031	50	36	207	67	110	2	73	245	0	241	8.3
Surry	2,934	249	0	669	129	329	0	236	630	0	692	8.4
District Totals	3,965	299	36	876	196	439	2	309	875	0	933	8.4
District 18												
Guilford	25,185	292	606	9,570	1,517	2,747	5	571	7,165	0	2,712	3.5

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District 19A												
Cabarrus	4,651	358	224	1,412	327	892	0	436	632	0	370	12.5
Rowan	3,668	110	124	1,068	173	985	1	525	404	0	278	6.3
District Totals	8,319	468	348	2,480	500	1,877	1	961	1,036	0	648	9.8
District 19B												
Montgomery	2,104	209	0	378	473	344	0	165	502	0	33	9.9
Randolph	4,085	745	0	1,279	39	571	0	373	983	0	95	18.2
District Totals	6,189	954	0	1,657	512	915	0	538	1,485	0	128	15.4
District 20												
Anson	1,937	197	0	500	143	424	0	278	353	0	42	10.1
Moore	3,862	533	376	948	112	449	0	314	696	0	434	23.5
Richmond	2,826	192	52	786	116	530	0	236	560	0	354	8.6
Stanly	2,164	314	15	605	147	185	0	215	440	0	243	15.2
Union	3,762	558	6	1,090	55	826	2	339	610	0	276	14.9
District Totals	14,551	1,794	449	3,929	573	2,414	2	1,382	2,659	0	1,349	15.4
District 21												
Forsyth	16,253	1	1,860	5,073	68	3,264	0	1,555	3,038	0	1,394	11.4
District 22												
Alexander	1,285	32	19	333	182	124	0	34	417	0	144	3.9
Davidson	7,267	341	140	2,202	304	873	1	166	2,028	0	1,212	6.6
Davie	788	50	18	218	0	99	0	36	260	0	107	8.6
Iredell	5,078	350	0	1,841	274	560	2	212	1,539	0	300	6.8
District Totals	14,418	773	177	4,594	760	1,656	3	448	4,244	0	1,763	6.5
District 23												
Alleghany	275	22	3	75	17	77	1	14	54	0	12	9.0
Aske	713	50	79	196	60	126	0	12	124	0	65	18.0
Wilkes	2,787	186	88	756	67	786	4	151	453	0	296	9.8
Yadkin	818	58	9	282	44	174	0	35	152	0	64	8.1
District Totals	4,593	316	179	1,309	188	1,163	5	212	783	0	438	10.7
District 24												
Avery	483	97	0	46	47	60	1	26	118	0	88	20.0
Madison	444	21	2	47	24	43	0	18	199	2	88	5.1
Mitchell	287	13	0	106	7	42	0	14	82	0	23	4.5
Watauga	894	102	40	174	12	86	3	10	273	0	194	15.8
Yancey	396	8	1	55	99	70	0	29	94	0	40	2.2
District Totals	2,504	241	43	428	189	301	4	97	766	2	433	11.3
District 25												
Burke	3,669	298	209	849	124	312	0	504	1,065	0	308	13.8
Caldwell	3,619	248	0	994	334	226	0	222	1,029	0	566	6.8
Catawba	6,023	535	130	1,991	244	533	0	592	1,488	0	510	11.0
District Totals	13,311	1,081	339	3,834	702	1,071	0	1,318	3,582	0	1,384	10.6
District 26												
Mecklenburg	34,534	1,113	7	10,179	3,480	2,577	0	2,340	11,075	0	3,763	3.2
District 27A												
Gaston	13,367	749	22	4,145	485	1,285	0	133	4,447	0	2,101	5.7
District 27B												
Cleveland	3,946	425	4	1,217	45	324	0	323	1,225	0	383	10.8
Lincoln	2,266	225	89	627	235	258	0	151	460	0	221	13.8
District Totals	6,212	650	93	1,844	280	582	0	474	1,685	0	604	11.9

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District 28												
Buncombe	10,382	1,082	453	5,277	43	437	3	815	1,345	0	927	14.7
District 29												
Henderson	3,151	2	5	1,132	593	63	0	194	1,026	0	136	.2
McDowell	1,527	100	28	612	162	120	0	123	358	0	24	8.3
Polk	508	22	4	168	0	13	0	45	148	0	108	5.1
Rutherford	2,632	259	1	849	154	270	3	102	586	0	408	9.8
Transylvania	917	37	49	333	148	19	0	53	244	0	34	9.3
District Totals	8,735	420	87	3,094	1,057	485	3	517	2,362	0	710	5.8
District 30												
Cherokee	787	4	18	201	3	9	0	96	256	0	200	2.7
Clay	143	1	6	42	12	11	1	11	46	0	13	4.8
Graham	326	1	4	56	58	35	1	14	99	0	58	1.5
Haywood	2,569	118	43	813	65	144	4	291	1,049	0	42	6.2
Jackson	1,088	19	21	168	174	13	1	80	269	0	343	3.6
Macon	626	20	12	147	139	30	0	80	144	0	54	5.1
Swain	482	20	0	110	94	28	1	22	191	0	16	4.1
District Totals	6,021	183	104	1,537	545	270	8	594	2,054	0	726	4.7
State Totals	397,420	28,240	22,428	130,971	19,761	42,585	67	24,582	92,732	2	36,052	12.8

AGES OF CRIMINAL NON-MOTOR VEHICLE CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/83 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1982-83

	Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)					Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)				
				0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	>365				0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	>365
District 1																
Camden	8	23.5	29.5	8	0	0	0	0	147	43.3	25.0	121	7	17	2	0
Chowan	41	96.7	45.0	28	4	3	2	4	631	20.6	13.0	602	18	7	1	3
Currituck	54	57.2	23.0	46	4	0	0	4	729	25.9	17.0	664	52	6	6	1
Dare	375	223.6	115.0	120	70	17	75	93	1,142	30.1	20.0	993	116	28	5	0
Gates	20	19.7	20.0	20	0	0	0	0	194	19.0	12.5	181	13	0	0	0
Pasquotank	118	47.6	14.0	105	3	5	4	1	2,014	25.2	20.0	1,935	59	5	12	3
Perquimans	57	39.2	16.0	54	0	0	1	2	285	16.4	13.0	277	6	1	0	1
District Totals	673	147.6	45.0	381	81	25	82	104	5,142	25.6	17.0	4,773	271	64	26	8
District 2																
Beaufort	115	92.2	27.0	75	5	14	13	8	2,637	17.2	7.0	2,540	50	10	22	15
Hyde	84	30.3	23.0	79	2	2	0	1	380	16.9	14.0	371	9	0	0	0
Martin	83	148.2	24.0	58	1	12	5	7	1,323	29.0	11.0	1,200	65	27	11	20
Tyrrell	13	50.1	20.0	12	0	0	0	1	204	34.1	21.0	167	18	18	1	0
Washington	10	33.4	42.0	10	0	0	0	0	799	17.0	9.0	759	26	10	3	1
District Totals	305	86.7	23.0	234	8	28	18	17	5,343	20.7	8.0	5,037	168	65	37	36
District 3																
Carteret	977	172.9	57.0	498	142	83	104	150	3,934	43.3	21.0	3,206	453	133	81	61
Craven	614	90.8	30.0	445	62	31	28	48	4,434	43.0	20.0	3,633	555	125	71	50
Pamlico	66	118.2	20.0	47	2	4	2	11	507	38.2	17.0	421	60	16	2	8
Pitt	780	140.4	35.0	525	123	35	32	65	7,882	36.2	20.0	6,667	782	236	146	51
District Totals	2,437	140.3	42.0	1,515	329	153	166	274	16,757	39.7	20.0	13,927	1,850	510	300	170
District 4																
Duplin	205	104.4	37.0	122	31	8	27	17	2,458	37.5	27.0	2,058	266	64	54	16
Jones	129	228.0	211.0	37	13	6	39	34	412	37.8	24.0	344	39	23	6	0
Onslow	785	40.0	24.0	640	96	29	20	0	7,765	30.1	17.0	6,826	683	157	76	23
Sampson	364	65.4	27.0	278	46	21	8	11	3,230	43.4	29.0	2,527	492	133	73	5
District Totals	1,483	71.5	29.0	1,077	186	64	94	62	13,865	34.7	29.0	11,755	1,480	377	209	44
District 5																
New Hanover	1,226	143.1	38.0	711	161	65	122	167	9,682	31.0	15.0	8,571	771	120	151	69
Pender	261	411.2	192.0	102	12	13	28	106	1,037	38.8	16.0	922	76	16	12	11
District Totals	1,487	190.2	45.0	813	173	78	150	273	10,719	31.8	15.0	9,493	847	136	163	80
District 6																
Bertie	49	36.0	23.0	43	5	0	1	0	957	18.8	13.0	909	41	6	0	1
Halifax	469	62.7	36.0	318	90	14	46	1	3,797	38.8	24.0	3,131	473	122	45	26
Hertford	184	72.3	42.0	118	35	16	10	5	1;539	38.6	15.0	1,318	132	31	31	27
Northampton	62	54.6	28.0	42	12	1	7	0	907	24.9	13.0	819	70	10	5	3
District Totals	764	62.6	37.0	521	142	31	64	6	7,200	34.3	19.0	6,177	716	169	81	57

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				Ages of Pending Cases (Days)								Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)				
	Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	>365	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	>365
District 7																
Edgecombe	677	69.6	15.0	527	61	28	24	37	4,910	40.3	21.0	3,900	708	160	111	31
Nash	740	123.7	35.0	482	84	44	38	92	5,666	43.5	21.0	4,401	788	266	186	25
Wilson	1,316	204.5	101.0	392	366	129	214	215	4,691	61.5	32.0	3,143	845	315	341	47
District Totals	2,733	149.2	58.0	1,401	511	201	276	344	15,267	48.0	25.0	11,444	2,341	741	638	103
District 8																
Greene	41	36.3	22.0	34	5	2	0	0	818	30.6	17.0	727	57	16	15	3
Lenoir	454	53.2	34.0	316	96	21	18	3	4,502	46.4	28.0	3,282	845	231	134	10
Wayne	1,231	62.6	36.0	815	256	75	69	16	6,326	54.4	31.0	4,555	1,037	380	323	31
District Totals	1,726	59.5	35.0	1,165	357	98	87	19	11,646	49.6	29.0	8,564	1,939	627	472	44
District 9																
Franklin	145	513.8	86.0	66	14	5	8	52	1,861	49.6	17.0	1,631	157	20	18	35
Granville	199	93.7	24.0	150	19	7	11	12	2,065	26.8	13.0	1,828	187	21	21	8
Person	177	153.7	23.0	111	16	1	14	35	1,652	32.2	15.0	1,495	92	33	20	12
Vance	268	98.0	30.0	197	24	11	11	25	2,663	32.2	18.0	2,315	244	65	36	3
Warren	87	59.3	35.0	56	20	7	2	2	884	49.1	16.0	765	57	15	27	20
District Totals	876	173.3	30.0	580	93	31	46	126	9,125	36.2	16.0	8,034	737	154	122	78
District 10																
Wake	4,926	131.3	59.0	2,508	937	557	480	444	26,775	68.2	33.0	18,246	4,280	1,609	2,134	506
District 11																
Harnett	350	111.8	30.0	219	65	11	23	32	3,345	31.2	18.0	2,916	272	96	60	1
Johnston	433	106.4	36.0	287	62	32	19	33	4,919	34.2	17.0	4,158	517	162	66	16
Lee	323	189.0	44.0	188	28	14	19	74	3,623	25.6	14.0	3,199	344	54	22	4
District Totals	1,106	132.2	37.0	694	155	57	61	139	11,887	30.7	16.0	10,273	1,133	312	148	21
District 12																
Cumberland	3,500	62.6	38.0	2,301	692	277	197	33	20,494	68.2	42.0	12,730	4,221	1,885	1,526	132
Hoke	161	47.9	29.0	118	25	15	3	0	1,433	34.7	22.0	1,201	165	41	23	3
District Totals	3,661	62.0	38.0	2,419	717	292	200	33	21,927	66.0	40.0	13,931	4,386	1,926	1,549	135
District 13																
Bladen	248	170.4	50.5	140	20	17	21	50	2,408	39.4	22.0	1,952	333	52	60	11
Brunswick	456	226.9	90.0	207	42	17	73	117	2,390	55.5	32.5	1,670	475	124	94	27
Columbus	462	126.1	42.5	305	48	14	34	61	4,125	33.9	21.0	3,481	489	91	56	8
District Totals	1,166	174.9	52.0	652	110	48	128	228	8,923	41.2	24.0	7,103	1,297	267	210	46
District 14																
Durham	2,238	132.6	52.0	1,255	381	123	208	271	13,536	80.3	31.0	9,619	2,266	682	437	532

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				0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	>365				0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	>365
District 15A																
Alamance	735	176.3	66.0	358	89	36	99	153	6,288	29.7	19.0	5,650	455	91	76	16
District 15B																
Chatham	219	42.8	24.0	174	28	10	7	0	1,725	30.5	20.0	1,535	134	39	16	1
Orange	637	109.3	30.0	420	44	40	97	36	4,200	41.5	23.0	3,467	459	149	91	34
District Totals	856	92.3	29.0	594	72	50	104	36	5,925	38.3	22.0	5,002	593	188	107	35
District 16																
Robeson	937	46.9	20.0	755	103	41	23	15	8,620	42.7	22.0	7,118	943	306	194	59
Scotland	305	205.0	73.0	145	37	38	31	54	3,025	30.9	16.0	2,766	169	30	28	32
District Totals	1,242	85.7	22.0	900	140	79	54	69	11,645	39.6	21.0	9,884	1,112	336	222	91
District 17A																
Caswell	56	37.8	9.5	51	2	0	2	1	731	28.1	19.0	667	51	3	8	2
Rockingham	441	70.4	24.0	313	52	18	49	9	6,180	32.6	20.0	5,428	567	131	35	19
District Totals	497	66.7	21.0	364	54	18	51	10	6,911	32.1	20.0	6,095	618	134	43	21
District 17B																
Stokes	99	43.5	24.0	75	20	2	0	2	1,031	38.6	24.0	871	115	27	12	6
Surry	290	41.0	23.0	236	33	15	3	3	2,934	37.4	27.0	2,449	355	99	28	3
District Totals	389	41.6	23.0	311	53	17	3	5	3,965	37.7	25.0	3,320	470	126	40	9
District 18																
Guilford	9,258	273.0	160.5	2,864	1,235	769	1,728	2,662	25,185	97.0	43.0	15,661	4,900	1,542	1,409	1,673
District 19A																
Cabarrus	705	197.3	73.0	325	68	65	86	161	4,651	33.4	22.0	4,154	345	69	71	12
Rowan	953	286.6	204.0	286	123	44	185	315	3,668	36.9	19.0	3,281	259	46	48	34
District Totals	1,658	248.6	136.0	611	191	109	271	476	8,319	34.9	21.0	7,435	604	115	119	46
District 19B																
Montgomery	227	32.5	21.0	205	15	1	6	0	2,104	43.0	21.0	1,761	207	63	46	27
Randolph	622	50.4	27.5	494	79	15	25	9	4,085	45.9	31.0	3,189	634	146	105	11
District Totals	849	45.6	24.0	699	94	16	31	9	6,189	44.9	28.0	4,950	841	209	151	38
District 20																
Anson	313	64.1	28.0	243	28	16	20	6	1,937	38.4	28.0	1,611	255	44	22	5
Moore	378	89.1	28.0	237	45	42	39	15	3,862	37.9	17.0	3,356	337	57	40	72
Richmond	564	272.8	176.0	179	40	64	122	159	2,826	24.2	15.0	2,615	171	21	15	4
Stanly	419	204.2	121.0	174	35	21	86	103	2,164	40.7	18.0	1,921	154	18	21	50
Union	370	177.6	22.0	279	27	7	12	45	3,762	32.8	15.0	3,473	176	42	32	39
District Totals	2,044	175.6	45.0	1,112	175	150	279	328	14,551	34.4	17.0	12,976	1,093	182	130	170

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District 21																
Forsyth	4,122	429.4	275.0	1,296	301	188	507	1,830	16,253	37.8	18.0	14,862	876	176	125	214
District 22																
Alexander	110	92.3	34.0	67	25	5	6	7	1,285	45.6	21.0	1,047	137	52	24	25
Davidson	842	78.1	30.0	569	114	64	63	32	7,267	41.1	20.0	5,960	834	211	218	44
Davie	131	153.4	64.0	57	41	10	10	13	788	40.2	27.5	631	126	24	5	2
Iredell	1,014	181.6	62.0	506	111	35	169	193	5,078	42.5	28.0	4,130	613	217	97	21
District Totals	2,097	133.6	43.0	1,199	291	114	248	245	14,418	41.9	23.0	11,768	1,710	504	344	92
District 23																
Alleghany	25	23.8	14.0	23	1	1	0	0	275	29.6	15.0	242	20	9	3	1
Ashe	170	222.3	223.0	51	21	10	43	45	713	28.1	14.0	643	43	6	19	2
Wilkes	490	193.7	94.0	214	46	30	138	62	2,787	45.3	15.0	2,429	206	42	37	73
Yadkin	104	49.3	23.0	82	17	2	1	2	818	35.8	16.0	684	84	29	17	4
District Totals	789	175.4	85.0	370	85	43	182	109	4,593	40.0	15.0	3,998	353	86	76	80
District 24																
Avery	133	458.8	337.0	37	14	4	13	65	483	62.5	29.0	329	105	8	26	15
Madison	66	125.5	51.5	39	7	12	5	3	444	89.1	42.0	280	62	52	29	21
Mitchell	57	445.9	252.0	20	6	1	5	25	287	54.3	35.0	203	54	20	7	3
Watauga	415	427.2	317.0	78	43	42	57	195	894	62.2	27.0	658	139	23	57	17
Yancey	149	241.7	265.0	59	5	5	25	55	396	42.9	20.0	337	41	4	5	9
District Totals	820	375.6	245.0	233	75	64	105	343	2,504	63.1	28.0	1,807	401	107	124	65
District 25																
Burke	429	60.5	17.0	351	28	9	22	19	3,669	33.5	21.0	3,186	321	111	42	9
Caldwell	1,364	356.6	329.0	306	100	73	233	652	3,619	36.2	22.0	3,056	423	61	67	12
Catawba	630	62.5	27.5	457	111	22	26	14	6,023	37.6	21.0	4,916	777	208	110	12
District Totals	2,423	227.7	79.0	1,114	239	104	281	685	13,311	36.1	22.0	11,158	1,521	380	219	33
District 26																
Mecklenburg	7,600	176.7	58.0	3,864	1,503	726	662	845	34,534	103.6	35.0	23,079	6,072	1,396	1,780	2,207
District 27A																
Gaston	2,240	110.1	52.0	1,236	399	185	307	113	13,367	65.1	43.0	8,840	2,989	751	584	203
District 27B																
Cleveland	377	46.3	17.0	325	31	7	7	7	3,946	30.3	21.0	3,507	345	59	29	6
Lincoln	190	57.9	30.0	138	23	19	8	2	2,266	40.0	25.0	1,957	203	49	29	28
District Totals	567	50.2	24.0	463	54	26	15	9	6,212	33.8	22.0	5,464	548	108	58	34
District 28																
Buncombe	1,048	86.6	30.0	657	106	85	192	8	10,382	37.3	20.0	9,138	763	139	205	137

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District 29																
Henderson	745	134.6	44.0	411	89	42	117	86	3,151	50.3	29.0	2,382	509	113	114	33
McDowell	359	296.0	171.0	135	28	21	58	117	1,527	33.0	22.0	1,271	220	19	15	2
Polk	88	198.2	73.0	43	8	13	15	9	508	47.4	24.0	390	71	31	11	5
Rutherford	742	266.3	129.0	258	98	63	174	149	2,632	44.0	25.0	2,096	390	76	50	20
Transylvania	171	83.7	37.0	108	19	21	20	3	917	46.1	27.0	721	120	47	16	13
District Totals	2,105	207.1	83.0	955	242	160	384	364	8,735	44.8	25.0	6,860	1,310	286	206	73
District 30																
Cherokee	171	116.2	57.0	97	30	9	19	16	787	62.9	34.0	582	133	22	30	20
Clay	43	179.7	195.0	13	3	4	19	4	143	52.6	22.0	124	6	0	7	6
Graham	37	40.4	30.0	32	2	3	0	0	326	64.9	27.0	271	20	4	17	14
Haywood	307	164.6	44.0	171	21	12	31	72	2,569	95.4	25.0	1,958	224	99	107	181
Jackson	98	103.8	60.5	49	21	20	5	3	1,088	137.5	32.0	667	106	52	100	163
Macon	332	907.8	812.0	55	7	5	21	244	626	33.2	15.5	539	42	28	15	2
Swain	62	146.1	35.0	38	4	4	9	7	482	50.2	25.0	384	52	20	19	7
District Totals	1,050	381.2	100.0	455	88	57	104	346	6,021	86.0	26.0	4,525	583	225	295	393
State Totals	67,970	182.2	59.0	34,870	9,666	4,782	7,667	10,985	397,420	54.0	24.0	310,848	51,523	14,720	12,839	7,490

RANKINGS FOR THE 34 JUDICIAL DISTRICTS BASED UPON PERCENT TOTAL CASELOAD DISPOSED*

July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

Judicial Division	Judicial District	Superior Court			Estates	Special Proceedings	District Court	
		Civil	Criminal				Civil	Criminal Non-Motor Vehicle
			Felonies	Misdemeanors				
I	1	17	13	11	30	26	23	12
	2	24	19	22	1	34	19	1
	3	20	7	13	11	14	22	14
	4	31	14	15	22	20	30	8
	5	10	9	1	26	12	28	16
	6	30	10	27	23	30	1	9
	7	14	4	5	13	33	32	28
	8	8	6	6	10	9	13	15
II	9	16	20	18	15	16	9	3
	10	12	32	23	34	21	26	26
	11	2	3	9	7	18	6	4
	12	33	15	16	4	13	31	23
	13	21	34	30	19	27	18	13
	14	15	23	29	25	2	21	21
	15A	23	21	14	6	11	2	11
	15B	19	1	2	31	32	34	17
	16	9	29	34	5	22	24	10
III	17A	1	5	17	21	17	5	2
	17B	4	16	8	3	10	11	5
	18	34	26	25	20	6	25	34
	19A	13	22	26	8	7	17	29
	19B	29	33	33	2	4	3	18
	20	26	8	4	17	19	29	20
	21	11	17	20	14	1	10	32
	22	7	18	12	9	8	15	19
	23	22	24	28	18	15	4	24
IV	24	25	25	24	33	25	20	33
	25	18	27	19	29	5	14	27
	26	28	31	31	16	29	7	30
	27A	3	12	3	27	23	16	25
	27B	5	2	10	12	3	8	6
	28	6	11	7	28	24	12	7
	29	32	28	21	24	28	27	31
	30	27	30	32	32	31	33	22

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*Total Caseload = Cases pending on July 1, 1982 + new cases filed during the 1982-83 year. A rank of 1 indicates the highest percentage of total caseload disposed; a rank of 34 indicates the lowest percentage of total caseload disposed.

RANKINGS FOR THE 100 COUNTIES BASED UPON PERCENT TOTAL CASELOAD DISPOSED*

July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

Judicial District	County	Superior Court			Estates	Special Proceedings	District Court	
		Civil	Criminal				Civil	Criminal Non-Motor Vehicle
			Felonies	Misdemeanors				
1	Camden	8	15	96	5	43	4	5
	Chowan	50	65	17	84	90	90	9
	Currituck	12	20	14	54	62	8	12
	Dare	74	59	63	99	82	55	95
	Gates	30	14	43	57	15	84	35
	Pasquotank	56	36	12	33	48	69	6
	Perquimans	62	8	57	91	84	44	77
2	Beaufort	89	68	73	3	98	34	2
	Hyde	79	96	94	1	78	76	82
	Martin	27	32	4	78	89	70	7
	Tyrrell	20	1	59	18	51	85	8
	Washington	29	16	51	15	56	57	1
3	Carteret	66	23	45	37	53	87	86
	Craven	52	12	18	38	50	35	59
	Pamlico	44	55	64	60	32	81	57
	Pitt	51	43	38	39	14	53	29
4	Duplin	71	37	61	72	72	73	15
	Jones	69	42	1	34	93	94	94
	Onslow	92	52	70	77	35	91	32
	Sampson	39	34	10	59	61	52	43
5	New Hanover	21	35	3	76	20	80	53
	Pender	80	51	80	68	85	93	87
6	Bertie	6	27	39	61	75	20	4
	Halifax	76	33	83	88	77	2	51
	Hertford	97	21	26	31	69	1	49
	Northampton	96	62	87	13	36	5	10
7	Edgecombe	48	22	13	7	68	79	58
	Nash	17	18	46	47	79	96	56
	Wilson	46	28	19	81	86	83	91
8	Greene	87	9	8	2	58	19	3
	Lenoir	41	29	28	8	13	27	31
	Wayne	15	30	36	70	30	47	74
9	Franklin	55	60	24	86	74	49	14
	Granville	42	73	77	19	1	46	22
	Person	40	19	31	11	52	31	39
	Vance	49	76	49	62	70	12	33
	Warren	65	99	95	16	59	7	25
10	Wake	36	87	60	94	63	68	71
11	Harnett	38	44	22	41	60	3	38
	Johnston	5	13	47	4	11	23	18
	Lee	7	17	16	90	92	36	19
12	Cumberland	84	53	44	27	33	88	68
	Hoke	63	5	21	12	44	21	44
13	Bladen	28	69	90	23	7	6	36
	Brunswick	32	91	71	79	46	75	73
	Columbus	82	98	69	51	97	64	42
14	Durham	43	66	75	73	6	54	65
15A	Alamance	60	64	34	30	28	10	47
15B	Chatham	26	10	5	42	80	66	52
	Orange	61	6	27	92	76	98	61
16	Robeson	45	63	74	22	45	59	41
	Scotland	3	97	100	28	91	67	30

RANKINGS FOR THE 100 COUNTIES BASED UPON PERCENT TOTAL CASELOAD DISPOSED*

July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

Judicial District	County	Superior Court			Estates	Special Proceedings	District Court	
		Civil	Criminal				Civil	Criminal Non-Motor Vehicle
			Felonies	Misdemeanors				
17A	Caswell	2	2	7	29	23	30	13
	Rockingham	9	31	54	66	49	17	11
	Stokes	4	77	52	21	29	24	23
	Surry	25	45	25	10	26	39	26
18	Guilford	90	74	62	56	21	61	96
19A	Cabarrus	58	81	79	43	37	78	62
	Rowan	14	38	40	25	8	13	89
19B	Montgomery	91	82	88	17	25	33	40
	Randolph	72	90	85	9	10	11	63
20	Anson	88	84	30	97	88	86	64
	Moore	77	26	37	46	27	77	28
	Richmond	67	7	35	58	73	97	79
	Stanly	99	49	41	55	94	63	75
	Union	37	3	2	6	4	38	27
21	Forsyth	31	56	56	45	3	25	88
22	Alexander	94	4	11	26	9	16	17
	Davidson	16	83	48	32	17	28	46
	Davie	70	24	55	14	39	100	66
	Iredell	11	50	29	40	31	42	78
23	Alleghany	85	70	9	44	24	48	21
	Ashe	75	86	91	20	65	41	85
	Wilkes	54	71	68	63	38	9	70
	Yadkin	64	54	67	67	34	26	54
24	Avery	78	78	72	65	55	62	90
	Madison	98	100	86	64	64	71	60
	Mitchell	57	88	42	100	54	29	76
	Watauga	59	46	23	87	57	45	99
	Yancey	19	25	78	93	100	56	97
25	Burke	86	95	82	83	22	51	48
	Caldwell	53	61	33	69	16	40	98
	Catawba	34	58	53	85	19	32	37
26	Mecklenburg	73	85	84	48	71	18	81
27A	Gaston	10	39	20	74	66	43	67
27B	Cleveland	23	11	50	49	5	22	24
	Lincoln	13	57	15	24	18	15	16
28	Buncombe	22	40	32	80	67	37	34
29	Henderson	95	47	58	50	40	95	84
	McDowell	33	72	6	89	41	14	83
	Polk	68	89	98	53	12	60	69
	Rutherford	93	80	66	35	81	65	92
	Transylvania	47	92	93	96	99	58	72
30	Cherokee	24	93	81	98	95	99	80
	Clay	1	48	92	75	47	74	93
	Graham	18	79	89	36	2	72	45
	Haywood	81	75	76	52	42	89	50
	Jackson	83	67	65	82	96	50	20
	Macon	100	94	97	95	87	82	100
	Swain	35	41	99	71	83	92	55

*Total Caseload = Cases pending on July 1, 1982 + new cases filed during the 1982-83 year. A rank of 1 indicates the highest percentage of total caseload disposed; a rank of 100 indicates the lowest percentage of total caseload disposed.

The Cover: The Clay County Courthouse in Hayesville, North Carolina, a well-preserved example of vernacular Italianate architecture, was completed in 1889. The two-story brick structure features a square central tower, bracketed eaves and segmental arched windows typical of the Italianate style. Clay County (named after Henry Clay of Kentucky) is located in the far western, mountainous region of North Carolina.

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JUSTICE BUILDING
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

The Honorable Joseph Branch, Chief Justice
The Supreme Court of North Carolina
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Chief Justice:

In accord with Section 7A-343 of the North Carolina General Statutes, I herewith transmit the Eighteenth Annual Report of the Administrative Office of the Courts, relating to the fiscal year, July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984.

Appreciation is expressed to the many persons who participated in the data reporting, compilation, and writing required to produce this annual report. Within the Administrative Office of the Courts, principal responsibilities were shared by the Research and Planning Division and the Information Services Division. The principal burden of reporting the great mass of trial court data rested upon the offices of the clerks of superior court located in each of the one hundred counties of the State. The Clerk of the Supreme Court and the Clerk of the Court of Appeals provided the case data relating to our appellate courts.

Without the responsible work of many persons across the State this report would not have been possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Franklin Freeman, Jr.

Franklin E. Freeman, Jr.
Director

February, 1985

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PART I

THE 1983-1984 JUDICIAL YEAR IN REVIEW

THE 1983-84 JUDICIAL YEAR IN REVIEW

This *Annual Report* on the work of North Carolina's Judicial Department is for the fiscal year which began July 1, 1983 and ended June 30, 1984.

The Workload of the Courts

As set out in more detail in Part II of this *Report*, case filings in the Supreme Court totalled 201 compared with 209 filed during 1982-83. A total of 541 petitions were filed in the Supreme Court, compared with 538 in 1982-83; and 69 petitions were allowed compared with 74 in 1982-83.

For the Court of Appeals for 1983-84, case filings were 1,314 compared with 1,398 for the 1982-83 year. Petitions in 1983-84 totalled 423, compared with 483 during the 1982-83 year.

More detailed data on the appellate courts is included in Part II of this Annual Report.

In the superior courts, case filings (civil and criminal) decreased by 5.8% to a total of 80,558 in 1983-84, compared with 85,488 cases in 1982-83. Superior court case dispositions also decreased, to a total of 80,290, compared with 84,797 in 1982-83. As case filings during the year exceeded case dispositions, the total number of cases pending at the end of the year increased by 268, or 0.7%. Operations of the superior courts are summarized in Part II of this Report, and detailed information on the caseloads in the 100 counties and 34 judicial districts is presented in Part IV.

Not including juvenile proceedings and mental hospital commitment hearings, the statewide total of district court filings (civil and criminal) during 1983-84 was 1,450,179, an increase of 4,608 cases (0.3%) from 1982-83 filings of 1,445,571 cases. The only area of the district court caseload to register an increase in 1983-84 over the previous fiscal year was the motor vehicle criminal case category, which had total filings of 768,403 cases in 1983-84, an increase of 5.5% over the 728,517 cases filed in 1982-83. There was a 5.5% drop in civil case filings from a total of 316,539 in 1982-83 to 298,996 in 1983-84. Most of this decrease was in civil magistrate filings, from 206,163 cases in 1982-83 to 194,321 cases in 1983-84. There was a small decrease of 248 cases in the domestic relations category.

1984 Legislative Highlights

Salaries

Judges, district attorneys, and clerks of court will now receive seniority pay of 14.4% (of base salary) after 15 years of service, and 19.2% upon completion of 20 years of service. (At the 1983 Session, seniority pay of 4.8% (of base salary) upon completion of five years of service and 9.6% upon completion of 10 years of service were authorized for these groups.

Public defenders, assistant public defenders, and assistant district attorneys are now authorized seniority pay of 4.8% (of base salary) upon completion of five years of service and 9.6% upon completion of 10 years of service; but these groups did not receive the 15- and 20-year incremental increases.

Basic changes were made for setting salaries of assistant and deputy clerks of court. Under the new method, employees in offices of clerks of superior court are classified in one of two categories: deputy clerks and assistant clerks. The deputies and assistants are then paid entirely on the basis of seniority and classification, in accord with a statutory schedule, with employees who begin work under the new plan reaching the maximum salary in 12 years. The maximum pay for deputy clerks is now $19,716; and for assistant clerks, $25,980.

Amendments approved by the 1984 Session significantly raised the salaries of superior court clerks. Those in counties with populations under 20,000 were raised from $21,024 to $30,000. Those in counties with populations over 200,000 were raised from $39,492 to $44,500. Those in counties between 20,000 and 200,000 in population received comparable raises.

Other nonelected personnel in the Judicial Department received a pay increase of 10 percent, in line with what was granted for State employees generally.

New Positions

Funding was provided for four additional superior court judgeships, four district court judgeships, seven magistrates, four assistant district attorneys, and 53 deputy clerk positions.

Appropriations for Judicial Department

At the 1984 short session, the General Assembly approved for the 1984-85 year a total of $110,365,316 for operations of the Judicial Department, and $10,670,475 for indigent representation fees.

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HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA COURT SYSTEM

From its early colonial period North Carolina's judicial system has been the focus of periodic attention and adjustment. Through the years, there has been a repeated sequence of critical examination, proposals for reform, and finally the enactment of some reform measures.

Colonial Period

Around 1700 the royal governor established a General (or Supreme) Court for the colony and a dispute developed over the appointment of associate justices. The Assembly conceded to the King the right to name the chief justice but unsuccessfully tried to win for itself the power to appoint the associate justices. Other controversies developed concerning the creation and jurisdiction of the courts and the tenure of judges. As for the latter, the Assembly's position was that judge appointments should be for good behavior as against the royal governor's decision for life appointment. State historians have noted that "the Assembly won its fight to establish courts and the judicial structure in the province was grounded on laws enacted by the legislature", which was more familiar with local conditions and needs (Lefler and Newsome, 142). Nevertheless, North Carolina alternated between periods under legislatively enacted reforms (like good behavior tenure and the Court Bill of 1746, which contained the seeds of the post-Revolutionary court system) and periods of stalemate and anarchy after such enactment were nullified by royal authority. A more elaborate system was framed by legislation in 1767 to last five years. It was not renewed because of persisting disagreement between local and royal partisans. As a result, North Carolina was without higher courts until after Independence (Battle, 847).

At the lower court level during the colonial period, judicial and county government administrative functions were combined in the authority of the justices of the peace, who were appointed by the royal governor.

After the Revolution

When North Carolina became a state in 1776, the colonial structure of the court system was retained largely intact. The Courts of Pleas and Quarter Sessions — the county court which continued in use from about 1670 to 1868 — were still held by the assembled justices of the peace in each county. The justices were appointed by the governor on the recommendation of the General Assembly, and they were paid out of fees charged litigants. On the lowest level of the judicial system, magistrate courts of limited jurisdiction were held by justices of the peace, singly or in pairs, while the county court was out of term.

The new Constitution of 1776 empowered the General Assembly to appoint judges of the Supreme Court of Law and Equity. A court law enacted a year later authorized three superior court judges and created judicial districts. Sessions were supposed to be held in the court towns of each district twice a year, under a system much like the one that had expired in 1772. Just as there had been little distinction in terminology between General Court and Supreme Court prior to the Revolution, the terms Supreme Court and Superior Court were also interchangeable during the period immediately following the Revolution.

One of the most vexing governmental problems confronting the new State of North Carolina was its judiciary. "From its inception in 1777 the state's judiciary caused complaint and demands for reform." (Lefler and Newsome, 291, 292). Infrequency of sessions, conflicting judge opinions, and insufficient number of judges, and lack of means for appeal were all cited as problems, although the greatest weakness was considered to be the lack of a real Supreme Court.

In 1779, the legislature required the Superior Court judges to meet together in Raleigh as a Court of Conference to resolve cases which were disagreed on in the districts. This court was continued and made permanent by subsequent laws. The justices were required to put their opinions in writing to be delivered orally in court. The Court of Conference was changed in name to the Supreme Court in 1805 and authorized to hear appeals in 1810. Because of the influence of the English legal system, however, there was still no conception of an alternative to judges sitting together to hear appeals from cases which they had themselves heard in the districts in panels of as few as two judges (Battle, 848). In 1818, though, an independent three-judge Supreme Court was created for review of cases decided at the Superior Court level.

Meanwhile, semi-annual superior court sessions in each county were made mandatory in 1806, and the State was divided into six circuits, or ridings, where the six judges were to sit in rotation, two judges constituting a quorum as before.

The County Court of justices of the peace continued during this period as the lowest court and as the agency of local government.

After the Civil War

Major changes to modernize the judiciary and make it more democratic were made in 1868. A primary holdover from the English legal arrangement — the distinction between law and equity proceedings — was abolished. The County Court's control of local government was abolished. Capital offenses were limited to murder, arson, burglary and rape, and the Constitution stated that the aim of punishment was "not only to satisfy justice, but also to reform the offender, and thus prevent crime". The membership of the Supreme Court was raised to five, and the selection of the justices (including the designation of the chief justice) and superior court judges (raised in number to 12) was taken from the legislature and given to the voters, although vacancies were to be filled by the governor until the next election. The Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions — The County Court of which three justices of the peace constituted a quorum — was eliminated. Its judicial responsibilities were divided between the Superior Courts and the individual justices of the peace, who were retained as separate judicial officers with limited jurisdiction.

Conservatively oriented amendments to the 1868 Constitution in 1875 reduced the number of Supreme Court justices to three and the Superior Court judges to nine. The General Assembly was given the power to appoint justices of the peace, instead of the governor. Most of the modernizing changes in the post-Civil War Constitution, however, were left, and the judicial structure it had established continued without systematic modification through more than half of the 20th century. (A further constitutional amendment approved by the voters in November, 1888, returned the Supreme Court membership to five, and the number of superior court judges to twelve.)

Before Reorganization

A multitude of legislative enactments to meet rising demands and to respond to changing needs had heavily encumbered the 1868 judicial structure by the time systematic court reforms were proposed in the 1950's. This accrual of piecemeal change and addition to the court system was most evident at the lower, local court level, where hundreds of courts specially created by statute operated with widely dissimilar structure and jurisdiction.

By 1965, when the implementation of the most recent major reforms was begun, the court system in North Carolina consisted of four levels: (a) the Supreme Court, with appellate jurisdiction; (b) the superior court, with general trial jurisdiction; (c) the local statutory courts of limited jurisdiction, and (d) justices of the peace and mayor's courts, with petty jurisdiction.

At the superior court level, the State had been divided into 30 judicial districts and 21 solicitorial districts. The 38 superior court judges (who rotated among the counties) and the district solicitors were paid by the State. The clerk of superior court, who was judge of probate and often also a juvenile judge, was a county official. There were specialized branches of superior court in some counties for matters like domestic relations and juvenile offenses.

The lower two levels were local courts. At the higher of these local court levels were more than 180 recorder-type courts. Among these were the county recorder's courts, municipal recorder's courts and township recorder's courts; the general county courts, county criminal courts and special county courts; the domestic relations courts and the juvenile courts. Some of these had been established individually by special legislative acts more than a half-century earlier. Others had been created by general law across the State since 1919. About half were county courts and half were city or township courts. Jurisdiction included misdemeanors (mostly traffic offenses), preliminary hearings and sometimes civil matters. The judges, who were usually part-time, were variously elected or appointed locally.

At the lowest level were about 90 mayor's courts and some 925 justices of the peace. These officers had similar criminal jurisdiction over minor cases with penalties up to a $50 fine or 30 days in jail. The justices of the peace also had civil jurisdiction of minor cases. These court officials were compensated by the fees they exacted, and they provided their own facilities.

Court Reorganization

The need for a comprehensive evaluation and revision of the court system received the attention and support of Governor Luther H. Hodges in 1957, who encouraged the leadership of the North Carolina Bar Association to pursue the matter. A Court Study Committee was established as an agency of the North Carolina Bar Association, and that Committee issued its report, calling for reorganization, at the end of 1958. A legislative Constitutional Commission, which worked with the Court Study Committee, finished its report early the next year. Both groups called for the structuring of an all-inclusive court system which would be directly state-operated, uniform in its organization throughout the State and centralized in its administration. The plan was for a simplified, streamlined and unified structure. A particularly important part of the proposal was the elimination of the local satutory courts and their replacement by a single District Court; the office of justice of the peace was to be abolished, and the newly fashioned position of magistrate would function within the District Court as a subordinate judicial office.

Constitutional amendments were introduced in the legislature in 1959 but these failed to gain the required three-fifths vote of each house. The proposals were reintroduced and approved at the 1961 session. The Constitutional amendments were approved by popular vote in 1962, and three years later the General Assembly enacted statutes to put the system into effect by stages. By the end of 1970 all of the counties and their courts had been incorporated into the new system, whose unitary nature was symbolized by the name, General Court of Justice. The designation of the entire 20th century judicial system as a single, statewide "court," with components for various types and levels of caseload, was adapted from North Carolina's earlier General Court, whose full venue extended to all of the 17th century counties.

After Reorganization

Notwithstanding the comprehensive reorganization adopted in 1962, the impetus for changes has continued. In 1965, the Constitution was amended to provide for the creation of an intermediate Court of Appeals. It was amended again in 1972 to allow for the Supreme Court to censure or remove judges upon the recommendation of a Judicial Standards Commission. As for the selection of judges, persistent efforts were made in the 1970's to obtain legislative approval of amendments to the State Constitution, to appoint judges according to "merit" instead of electing them by popular, partisan vote. The proposed amendments received the backing of a majority of the members of each house, but not the three-fifths required to submit constitutional amendments to a vote of the people. It seems likely that this significant issue will be before the General Assembly again for consideration.

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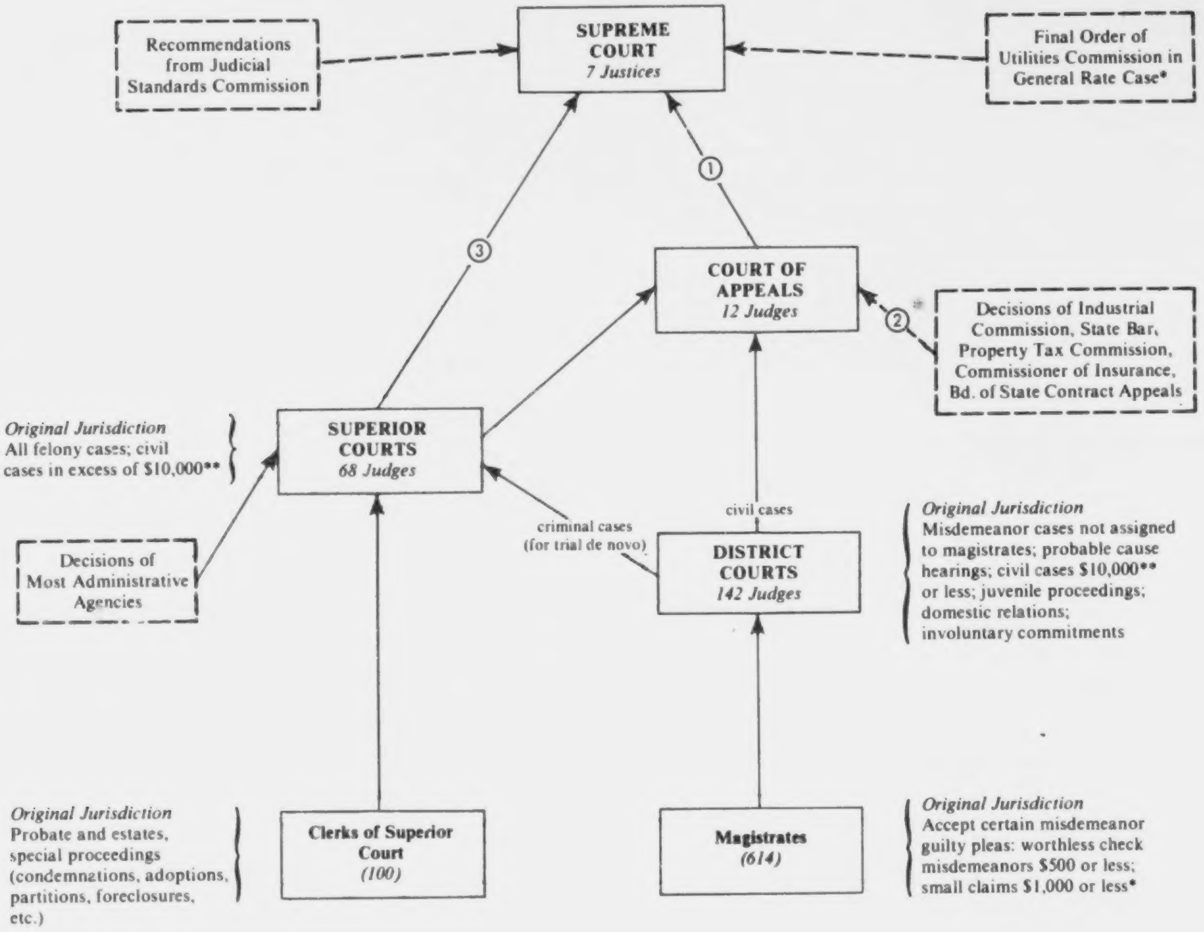
THE PRESENT COURT SYSTEM

Original Jurisdiction and Routes of Appeal


Recommendations from Judicial Standards Commission
SUPREME COURT
7 Justices
Final Order of Utilities Commission in General Rate Case*
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③
COURT OF APPEALS
12 Judges
②
Decisions of Industrial Commission, State Bar, Property Tax Commission, Commissioner of Insurance, Bd. of State Contract Appeals
Original Jurisdiction
All felony cases; civil cases in excess of $10,000**
SUPERIOR COURTS
68 Judges
civil cases
criminal cases (for trial de novo)
Decisions of Most Administrative Agencies
DISTRICT COURTS
142 Judges
Original Jurisdiction
Misdemeanor cases not assigned to magistrates; probable cause hearings; civil cases $10,000** or less; juvenile proceedings; domestic relations; involuntary commitments
Original Jurisdiction
Probate and estates, special proceedings (condemnations, adoptions, partitions, foreclosures, etc.)
Clerks of Superior Court
(100)
Magistrates
(614)
Original Jurisdiction
Accept certain misdemeanor guilty pleas: worthless check misdemeanors $500 or less; small claims $1,000 or less*

(1) Appeals from the Court of Appeals to the Supreme Court are by right in Utilities Commission general rate cases, cases involving comstitutional questions, and cases in which there has been dissent in the Court of Appeals. In its discretion, the Supreme Court may review Court of Appeals decisions in cases of significant public interest or cases involving legal principles of major significance.

(2) Appeals from these agencies lie directly to the Court of Appeals.

(3) As a matter of right, appeals go directly to the Supreme Court in criminal cases in which the defendent has been sentenced to death or life imprisonment, and in civil cases involving the involuntary annexation of territory by a municipality of 5,000 or more population. In all other cases appeal as of right is to the Court of Appeals. In its discretion, the Supreme Court may hear appeals directly from the trial courts in cases where delay would cause substantial harm or the Court of Appeals docket is unusually full.

*Effective July 1, 1983, appeals in general rate cases go directly to Supreme Court instead of Court of Appeals.

**The district and superior courts have concurrent original jurisdiction in civil actions (G.S. 7A-242). However, the district court division is the *proper* division for the trial of civil actions in which the amount in controversy is $10,000 or less; and the superior court division is the proper division for the trial of civil actions in which the amount in controversy exceeds $10,000 (G.S. 7A-243).

THE PRESENT COURT SYSTEM

Article IV of the North Carolina Constitution establishes the General Court of Justice which "shall constitute a unified judicial system for purposes of jurisdiction, operation, and administration, and shall consist of an Appellate Division, a Superior Court Division, and a District Court Division."

The Appellate Division is comprised of the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals.

The Superior Court Division is comprised of the superior courts which hold sessions in the county seats of the 100 counties of the State. The counties are grouped into judicial districts (34 at the present time), and one or more superior court judges are elected for each of the judicial districts. A clerk of the superior court for each county is elected by the voters of the county.

The District Court Division is comprised of the district courts. The General Assembly is authorized to divide the State into a convenient number of local court districts and prescribe where the district courts shall sit, but district court must sit in at least one place in each county. The General Assembly has provided that districts for purposes of the district court are co-terminous with superior court judicial districts. The Constitution also provides for one or more magistrates to be appointed in each county "who shall be officers of the district court."

The State Constitution (Art. IV, Sec. 1) also contains the term, "judicial department," stating that "The General Assembly shall have no power to deprive the judicial department of any power or jurisdiction that rightfully pertains to it as a co-ordinate department of the government, nor shall it establish or authorize any courts other than as permitted by this Article." The terms, "General Court of Justice" and "Judicial Department" are almost, but not quite, synonymous. It may be said that the Judicial Department encompasses all of the levels of court designated as the General Court of Justice plus all administrative and ancillary services within the Judicial Department.

The original jurisdictions and routes of appeal between the several levels of court in North Carolina's system of courts are illustrated in the chart on the opposite page.

Criminal Cases

Trial of misdemeanor cases is within the original jurisdiction of the district courts. Some misdemeanor offenses are tried by magistrates, who are also empowered to accept pleas of guilty to certain offenses and impose fines in accordance with a schedule set by the Conference of Chief District Court Judges. Most trials of misdemeanors are by district court judges, who also hold preliminary, "probable cause" hearings in felony cases. Trial of felony cases is within the jurisdiction of the superior courts.

Decisions of magistrates may be appealed to the district court judge. In criminal cases there is no trial by jury available at the district court level; appeal from the district courts' judgments in criminal cases is to the superior courts for trial *de novo* before a jury. Except in life-imprisonment or death sentence cases (which are appealed to the Supreme Court), appeal from the superior courts is to the Court of Appeals.

Civil Cases

The 100 clerks of superior court are *ex officio* judges of probate and have original jurisdiction in probate and estates matters. The clerks also have jurisdiction over such special proceedings as adoptions, partitions, condemnations under the authority of eminent domain, and foreclosures. Rulings of the clerk may be appealed to the superior court.

The district courts have original jurisdiction in juvenile proceedings, domestic relations cases, petitions for involuntary commitment to a mental hospital, and are the "proper" courts for general civil cases where the amount in controversy is $10,000 or less. If the amount in controversy is $1,000 or less and the plaintiff in the case so requests, the chief district court judge may assign the case for initial hearing by a magistrate. Magistrates' decisions may be appealed to the district court. Trial by jury for civil cases is available in the district courts; appeal from the judgment of a district court in a civil case is to the North Carolina Court of Appeals.

The superior courts are the proper courts for trial of general civil cases where the amount in controversy is more than $10,000. Appeals from decisions of most administrative agencies is first within the jurisdiction of the superior courts. Appeal from the superior courts in civil cases is to the Court of Appeals.

Administration

The North Carolina Supreme Court has the "general power to supervise and control the proceedings of any of the other courts of the General Court of Justice." (G.S. 7A-32(b)).

In addition to this grant of general supervisory power, the North Carolina General Statutes provide certain Judicial Department officials with specific powers and responsibilities for the operation of the court system. The Supreme Court has the responsibility for prescribing rules of practice and procedures for the appellate courts and for prescribing rules for the trial courts to supplement those prescribed by statute. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court designates one of the judges of the Court of Appeals to be its Chief Judge, who in turn is responsible for scheduling the sessions of the Court of Appeals.

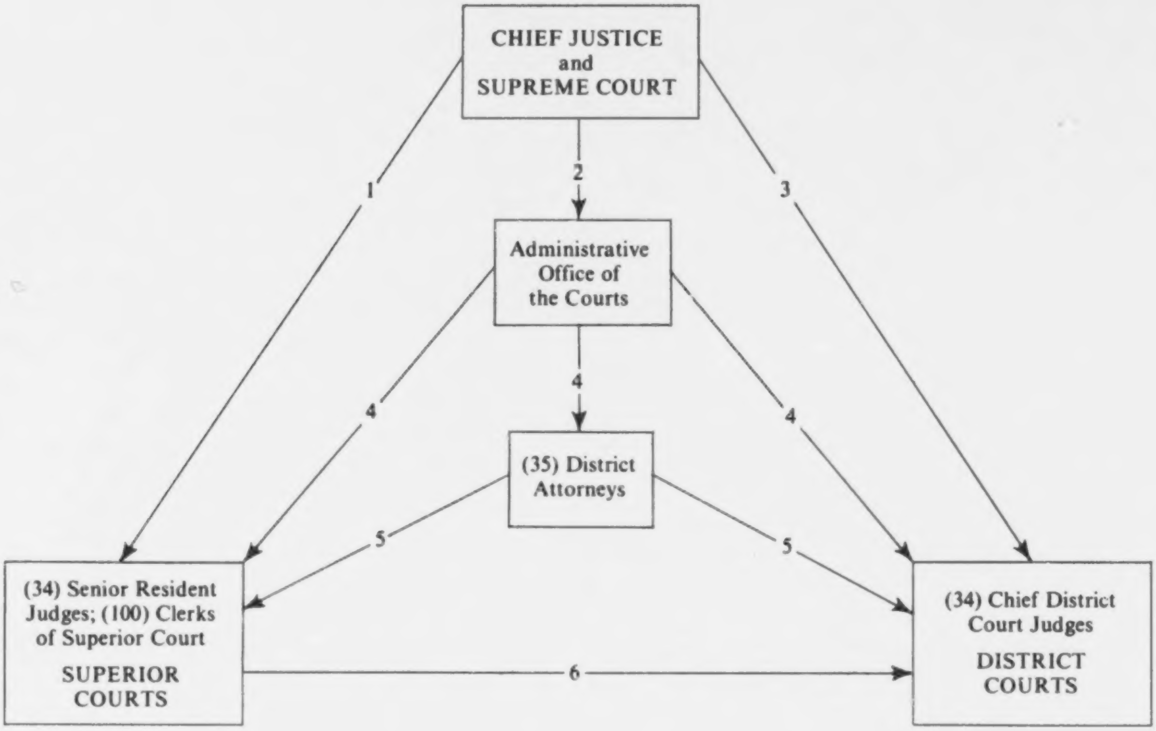
The chart on the following page illustrates specific responsibilities for administration of the trial courts vested in Judicial Department officials by statute. The Chief Justice appoints the Director and an Assistant Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts; this Assistant Director also serves as the Chief Justice's administrative assistant. The schedule of sessions of superior court in the 100 counties is set by the Supreme Court; assignment of the State's rotating superior court judges is the responsibility of the Chief Justice. Finally, the Chief Justice designates a chief district court judge for each of the State's 34 judicial districts from among the elected district court judges of the respective districts. These judges have responsibilities for the scheduling of the district courts and magistrates' courts within their respective districts, along with other administrative responsibilities.

The Administrative Office of the Courts is responsible for direction of non-judicial, administrative and business affairs of the Judicial Department. Included among its functions are fiscal management, personnel services, information and statistical services, supervision of record keeping in the trial court clerks' offices, liaison with the legislative and executive departments of government, court facility evaluation, purchase and contract, education and training, coordination of the program for provision of legal counsel to indigent persons, juvenile probation and after-care, trial court administrator services, planning, and general administrative services.

The clerk of superior court in each county acts as clerk for both the superior and district courts. Until 1980, the clerk also served as chairman of the county's calendar committee, which set the civil case calendars. Effective July 1, 1980, these committees were eliminated; day-to-day calendaring of civil cases is now done by the clerk of superior court or by a "trial court administrator" in some districts, under the supervision of the senior resident superior court judge and chief district court judge. The criminal case calendars in both superior and district courts are set by the district attorney of the respective district.

THE PRESENT COURT SYSTEM

Principal Administrative Authorities for North Carolina Trial Courts


CHIEF JUSTICE and SUPREME COURT
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Administrative Office of the Courts
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(35) District Attorneys
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(34) Senior Resident Judges; (100) Clerks of Superior Court
SUPERIOR COURTS
6
(34) Chief District Court Judges
DISTRICT COURTS

[1] The Supreme Court has general supervisory authority over the operations of the superior courts (as well as other trial courts). The schedule of superior courts is approved by the Supreme Court; assignments of superior court judges, who rotate from district to district, are the responsibility of the Chief Justice.

[2] The Director and an Assistant Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Chief Justice.

[3] The Supreme Court has general supervisory authority over the operations of the district courts (as well as other trial courts). The Chief Justice appoints a chief district court judge in each of the 34 judicial districts from the judges elected in the respective districts.

[4] The Administrative Office of the Courts is empowered to prescribe a variety of rules governing the operation of the offices of the 100 clerks of superior court, and to obtain statistical data and other information from officials in the Judicial Department.

[5] The district attorney sets the criminal-case trial calendars. In each district, the senior resident superior court judge and the chief district court judge are empowered to supervise the calendaring procedures for civil cases in their respective courts.

[6] In addition to certain judicial functions, the clerk of superior court performs administrative, fiscal and record-keeping functions for both the superior court and district court of his county. Magistrates, who serve under the supervision of the chief district court judge, are appointed by the senior resident superior court judge from nominees submitted by the clerk of superior court.

THE SUPREME COURT OF NORTH CAROLINA*

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Associate Justices

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JAMES G. EXUM, JR.
LOUIS B. MEYER

BURLEY B. MITCHELL, JR.
HARRY C. MARTIN
HENRY E. FRYE

Retired Chief Justices
WILLIAM H. BOBBITT
SUSIE SHARP

Retired Justices

J. WILL PLESS, JR.
I. BEVERLY LAKE
DAN K. MOORE

WALTER E. BROCK
J. FRANK HUSKINS
DAVID M. BRITT

Clerk
J. Gregory Wallace

Librarian
Frances H. Hall

*As of 30 June 1984.

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1983-84

The Supreme Court

At the apex of the North Carolina court system is the seven-member Supreme Court, which sits in Raleigh to consider and decide questions of law presented in civil and criminal cases on appeal. The Chief Justice and six associate justices are elected to eight-year terms by the voters of the State. There are two terms of the Supreme Court each year: a Spring Term commencing on the first Tuesday in February and a Fall Term commencing on the first Tuesday in September. The Court does not sit in panels. It sits only *en banc*, that is, all members sitting on each case.

Jurisdiction

The only original case jurisdiction exercised by the Supreme Court is in the censure and removal of judges upon the (non-binding) recommendations of the Judicial Standards Commission. The Court's appellate jurisdiction includes:

- cases on appeal by right from the Court of Appeals (cases involving substantial constitutional questions and cases in which there has been dissent in the Court of Appeals);
- cases on appeal by right from the Utilities Commission (cases involving final order or decision in a general rate matter);
- criminal cases on appeal by right from the superior courts (cases in which the defendant has been sentenced to death or life imprisonment); and
- cases in which review has been granted in the Supreme Court's discretion.

Discretionary review by the Supreme Court directly from the trial courts may be granted when delay would likely cause subsantial harm or when the workload of the Appellate Division is such that the expeditious administration of justice requires it. However, most appeals are heard only after review by the Court of Appeals.

Administration

The Supreme Court has general power to supervise and control the proceedings of the other courts of the General Court of Justice. The Court has specific power to prescribe the rules of practice and procedure for the trial court divisions, consistent with any rules enacted by the General Assembly. The schedule of superior court sessions in the 100 counties is approved yearly, by the Supreme Court. The Clerk of the Supreme Court, the Librarian of the Supreme Court Library, and the Appellate Division Reporter are appointed by the Supreme Court.

The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court appoints the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts and an Assistant Director, who serve at the pleasure of the Chief Justice. He also designates a Chief Judge from among the judges of the Court of Appeals and a Chief District Court Judge from among the district judges in each of the State's 34 judicial districts. He assigns superior court judges, who regularly rotate from district to district, to the scheduled sessions of superior court in the 100 counties, and he is also empowered to transfer district court judges to other districts for temporary or specialized duty. The Chief Justice appoints three of the seven members of the Judicial Standards Commission—a judge of the Court of Appeals who serves as the Commission's chairman, one superior court judge and one district court judge. The Chief Justice also appoints six of the 24 voting members of the N.C. Courts Commission: one associate justice of the Supreme Court; one Court of Appeals judge; two superior court judges; and two district court judges.

Expenses of the Court, 1983-84

Operating expenses of the Supreme Court during the 1983-84 fiscal year amounted to $1,571,316, an increase of 7.3% over total 1982-83 expenditures of $1,464,289. Expenditures for the Supreme Court during 1983-84 constituted 1.5% of all General Fund expenditures for the operation of the entire Judicial Department during the fiscal year.

Case Data, 1983-84

A total of 343 appealed cases were before the Supreme Court during the fiscal year, including 142 cases pending on July 1, 1983 and 201 cases filed during the year. A total of 192 appealed cases were disposed of, with 151 cases remaining pending on June 30, 1984.

A total of 629 petitions (requests to appeal) were before the Court during the 1983-84 year, with 465 petitions disposed of and 162 pending as of June 30, 1984.

More detailed data on the Court's workload is presented on the following pages.

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1983-84

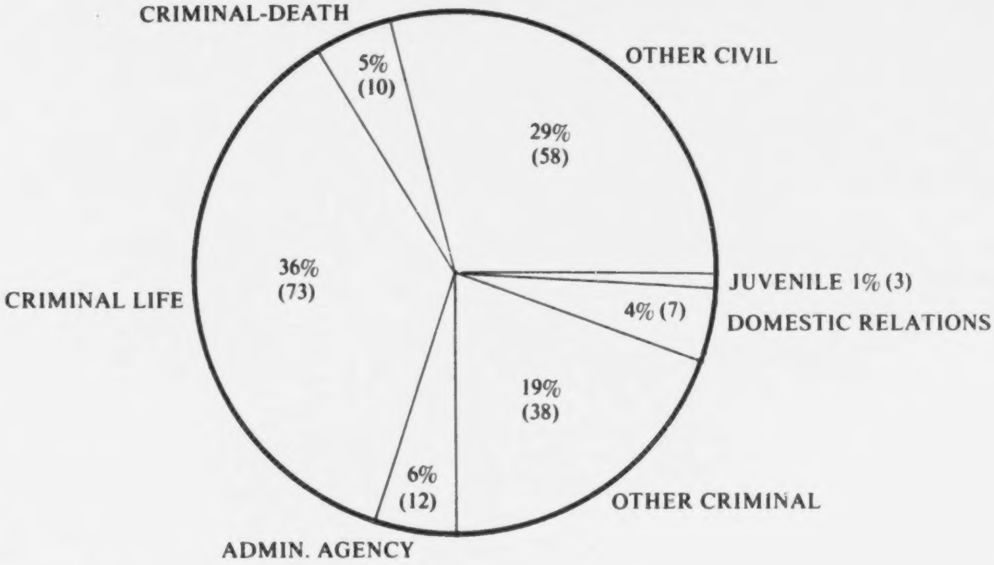
Supreme Court Caseload Inventory

July 1, 1983-June 30, 1984

	Pending 7/1/83	Filed	Disposed	Pending 6/30/84
Petitions for Review				
Civil domestic	4	33	28	9
Juvenile	0	5	5	0
Other civil	37	235	192	80
Criminal	27	143	124	44
Postconviction remedy	8	78	74	12
Administrative agency decision	12	47	42	17
Total Petitions for Review	**88**	**541**	**465**	**162**
Appeals				
Civil domestic	0	3	2	1
Petitions for review granted that became civil domestic appeals	0	4	1	3
Juvenile	0	1	0	1
Petitions for review granted that became juvenile appeals	0	2	1	1
Other civil	10	30	23	17
Petitions for review granted that became other civil appeals	16	28	26	18
Criminal, defendant sentenced to death	18	10	11	17
Criminal, defendant sentenced to life imprisonment	65	73	74	64
Other criminal	9	28	24	13
Petitions for review granted that became other criminal appeals	13	10	16	7
Petitions for review granted that became postconviction remedy cases	0	0	0	0
Administrative agency decision	4	9	8	5
Petitions for review granted that became appeals of administrative agency decision	7	3	6	4
Total appeals	**142**	**201**	**192**	**151**
Other Proceedings				
Extraordinary writs	2	76	77	1
Advisory opinion	0	0	0	0
Rule 16(b) additional issues re dissent	0	6	4	2
Rule amendments	0	12	6	6
Motions	3	728	731	0
Total Other Proceedings	**5**	**822**	**818**	**9**

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN FISCAL YEAR 1983-84

APPEALS FILED IN THE SUPREME COURT
JULY 1, 1983 — JUNE 30, 1984



PETITIONS FILED IN THE SUPREME COURT
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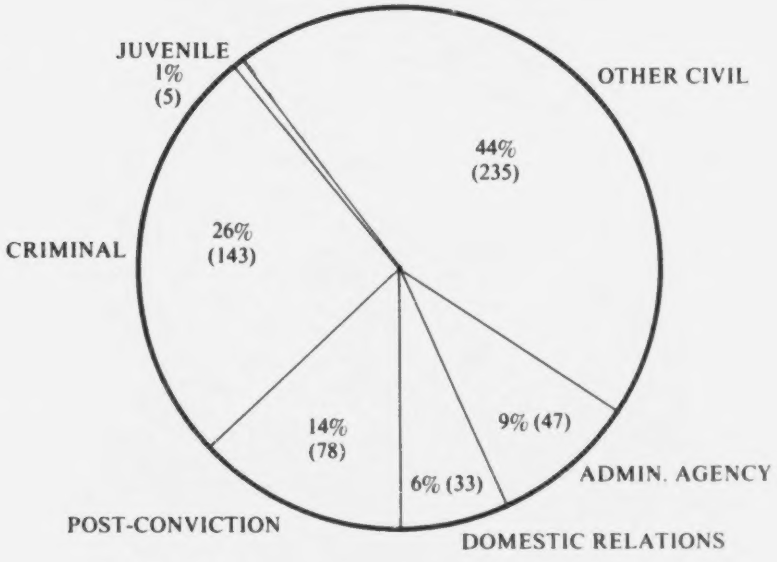


ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1983-84
Supreme Court Caseload Types by Judicial District and Division
July 1, 1983-June 30, 1984

Judicial Division	Judicial District	Total Cases	Death Cases	Life Cases	Other Criminal	Civil Cases	Other Cases	Cases Disposed
I	1	8	0	3	2	3	0	4
	2	8	1	2	2	2	1	5
	3	17	0	8	1	7	1	10
	4	14	1	8	3	2	0	8
	5	13	3	4	5	1	0	9
	6	4	1	3	0	0	0	1
	7	3	1	1	0	1	0	2
	8	6	1	3	2	0	0	4
SUBTOTAL		**73**	**8**	**32**	**15**	**16**	**2**	**43**
II	9	2	1	0	0	1	0	1
	10	58	0	9	6	16	27	29
	11	8	1	3	1	1	2	6
	12	16	1	9	3	3	0	12
	13	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
	14	8	1	5	1	1	0	6
	15A	4	0	3	0	1	0	3
	15B	11	0	5	2	4	0	4
	16	7	2	2	2	1	0	6
SUBTOTAL		**115**	**6**	**37**	**15**	**28**	**29**	**68**
III	17A	3	0	1	1	1	0	2
	17B	4	2	1	1	0	0	3
	18	20	1	10	1	8	0	11
	19A	8	1	6	1	0	0	6
	19B	5	0	2	2	1	0	4
	20	10	1	3	6	0	0	9
	21	22	1	9	5	6	1	9
	22	7	0	2	1	4	0	5
	23	9	1	3	4	1	0	6
SUBTOTAL		**88**	**7**	**37**	**22**	**21**	**1**	**54**
IV	24	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
	25	8	1	4	3	0	0	5
	26	26	1	8	5	10	2	11
	27A	7	1	3	1	1	1	2
	27B	4	1	1	1	0	1	1
	28	9	0	6	1	2	0	4
	29	8	2	4	2	0	0	2
	30	4	0	3	0	1	0	2
SUBTOTAL		**67**	**7**	**29**	**13**	**14**	**4**	**27**
TOTALS		**343**	**28**	**135**	**65**	**79**	**36**	**192**

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1983-84

Submission of Cases Reaching Decision Stage
July 1, 1983-June 30, 1984

Cases Argued	
Civil	60
Criminal	97
Total cases argued	**157**
Submissions Without Argument	
By motion of the parties (Appellate Rule 30 (d))	15
By order of the Court (Appellate Rule 30 (f))	0
Total submissions without argument	**15**
Total Cases Reaching Decision Stage	**172**

Disposition of Petitions and Other Proceedings by the Supreme Court
July 1, 1983-June 30, 1984

Petitions for Review	**Granted***	**Denied**	**Dismissed/ Withdrawn**	**Total Disposed**
Civil Domestic	6	22	1	28
Juvenile	1	4	0	5
Other Civil	32	160	0	192
Criminal	18	106	0	124
Postconviction Remedy	5	45	24	74
Administrative Agency Decision	6	36	0	42
Total Petitions for Review	**69**	**373**	**24**	**465**
Other Proceedings				
Extraordinary Writs	15	60	0	77
Advisory Opinion				0
Rule 16(b) — Additional Issues	2	2	0	4
Rule Amendments				6
Motions				731
Total Other Proceedings				**818**

*"GRANTED" includes orders allowing relief without accepting the case as a full appeal.

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1983-84

Disposition of Supreme Court Appeals With Published Opinion

Case Types	Affirmed	Modified	Reversed	Reversed Remanded	Remanded	Total Disposed
Civil domestic	0	0	1	1	0	2
Juvenile	0	0	0	1	0	1
Other civil	9	6	4	19	0	38
Criminal (death sentence)	5	0	0	2	3	10
Criminal (life sentence)	47	0	4	11	9	71
Other criminal	7	5	5	10	1	28
Postconviction remedy	0	0	0	0	0	0
Administrative agency decision	1	2	1	5	1	10
Totals	**69**	**13**	**15**	**49**	**14**	**160**

Disposition of Supreme Court Appeals with Per Curiam Decision

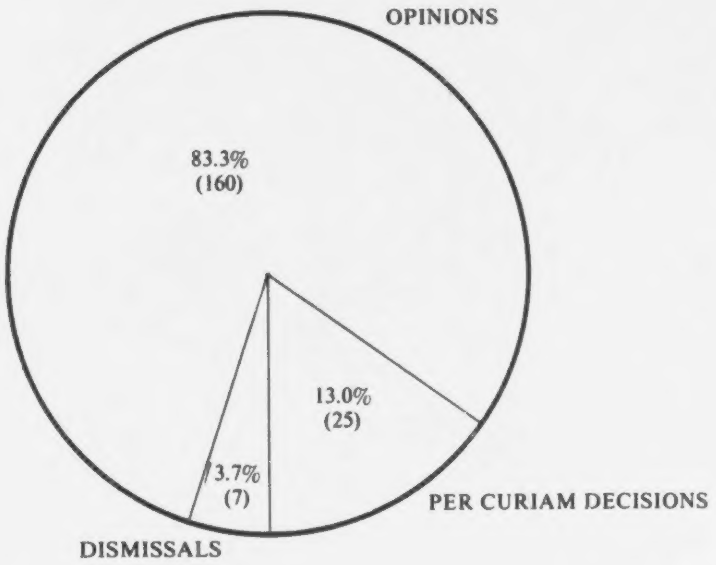
Case Types	Affirmed	Modified	Reversed	Reversed Remanded	Remanded	Total Disposed
Civil domestic	1	0	0	0	0	1
Juvenile	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other civil	6	4	0	0	0	9
Criminal (death sentence)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal (life sentence)	0	0	0	1	0	1
Other criminal	6	2	0	3	0	11
Postconviction remedy	0	0	0	0	0	0
Administrative agency decision	2	0	0	1	0	3
Totals	**15**	**5**	**0**	**5**	**0**	**25**

Disposition of Supreme Court Appeals by Dismissal or Withdrawal

Case Types	Dismissed or Withdrawn
Civil domestic	0
Juvenile	0
Other Civil	2
Criminal (death sentence)	1
Criminal (life sentence)	2
Other criminal	1
Post-conviction remedy	0
Administrative agency decision	1
Totals	**7**

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN FISCAL YEAR 1983-84

MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF APPEALS IN THE SUPREME COURT
JULY 1, 1983 — JUNE 30, 1984



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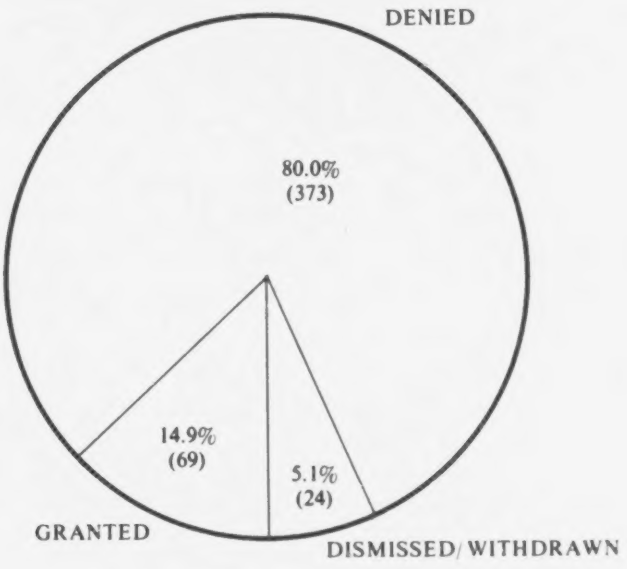
JULY 1, 1983 — JUNE 30, 1984



ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1983-84

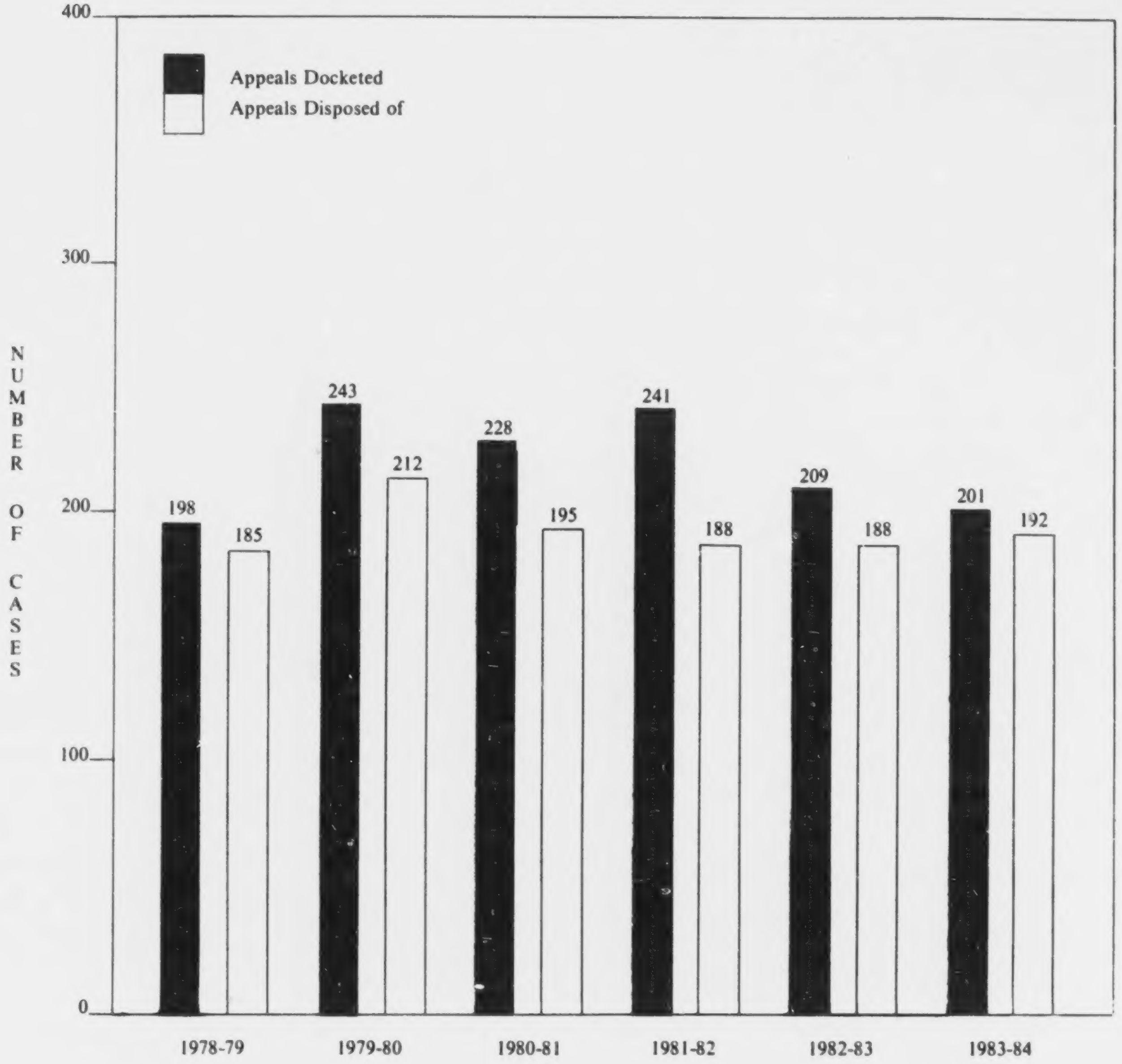
Number of Supreme Court Pending Cases By Status and Age as of June 30, 1984

	Not Ready for Oral Argument or Submission															
	Awaiting Record* (Pre-Docketing) (from cognizance)			Awaiting Appellant's Brief (from docketing)			Awaiting Appellee's Brief (from docketing)			Ready for Oral Argument (from docketing)			Pending Decision (Argued) (from date argued)			Total Pending Cases
Case Types	0-60 Days	61-150 Days	>150 Days	0-20 Days	21-40 Days	>40 Days	0-40 Days	41-60 Days	>60 Days	0-60 Days	61-90 Days	>90 Days	0-90 Days	91-150 Days	>150 Days	
Civil domestic	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	4
Juvenile	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Other Civil	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	0	0	5	0	0	6	10	8	35
Criminal (death sentence)	0	1	4	1	0	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	5	1	0	17
Criminal (life sentence)	10	7	5	6	3	6	4	4	1	6	0	0	7	2	3	64
Other Criminal	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	9	0	0	7	0	0	20
Postconviction Remedy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Administrative Agency Decision	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	9
Total Appeals	**10**	**8**	**9**	**8**	**5**	**15**	**13**	**4**	**1**	**21**	**0**	**0**	**29**	**14**	**14**	**151**

*A status of Awaiting Record is applicable only in cases in which the defendant was sentenced to death or life imprisonment.

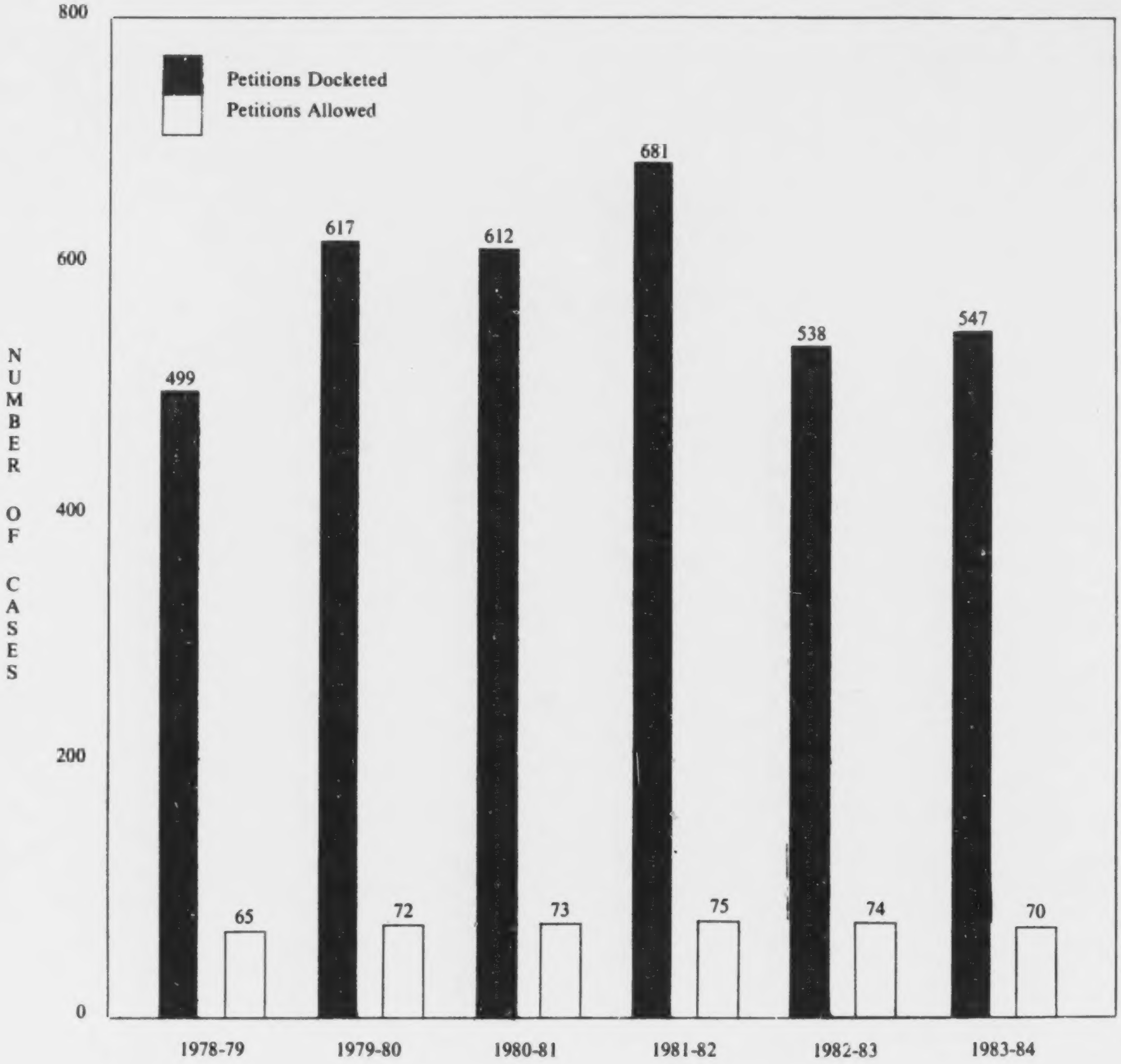
NORTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT

Appeals Docketed and Disposed of During the Years, 1978-79—1983-84



NORTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT

Petitions Docketed and Allowed During the Years, 1978-79—1983-84



Supreme Court Processing Time for Disposed Cases
(Total time in days from docketing to decision)
July 1, 1983-June 30, 1984

	Number of Cases	(Days) Median	(Days) Mean
Civil domestic	2	—	149.5
Petitions for review granted that became civil domestic appeals	1	208	208.0
Juvenile	0	0	0.0
Petitions for review granted that became juvenile appeals	1	296	296.0
Other civil	23	144	178.7
Petitions for review granted that became other civil appeals	26	173	244.2
Criminal, defendant sentenced to death	11	283	372.1
Criminal, defendant sentenced to life imprisonment	74	185	205.8
Other criminal	24	131	133.3
Petitions for review granted that became other criminal appeals	16	180	198.1
Petitions for review granted that became post-conviction remedy cases	0	0	0.0
Administrative agency decision	8	228	195.9
Petitions for review granted that became appeals of administrative agency decision	6	169	181.5
Total appeals	**192**	**178**	**205.9**

THE COURT OF APPEALS OF NORTH CAROLINA*

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EARL W. VAUGHN

Judges

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GERALD ARNOLD
JOHN WEBB
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NAOMI E. MORRIS

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FRANK M. PARKER
EDWARD B. CLARK
ROBERT M. MARTIN

Clerk
FRANCIS E. DAIL

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*As of 30 June 1984

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1983-84

The Court of Appeals

The 12-judge Court of Appeals is North Carolina's intermediate appellate court; it hears a majority of the appeals originating from the State's trial courts. The Court regularly sits in Raleigh, and it may sit in other locations in the State as authorized by the Supreme Court. Sessions outside of Raleigh have not been regular or frequent. Judges of the Court of Appeals are elected by popular vote for eight-year terms. A Chief Judge for the Court is designated by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and serves in that capacity at the pleasure of the Chief Justice.

Cases are heard by panels of three judges, with the Chief Judge responsible for assigning members of the Court to the four panels. Insofar as practicable, each judge is to be assigned to sit a substantially equal number of times with each other judge. The Chief Judge presides over the panel of which he or she is a member and designates a presiding judge for the other panels.

One member of the Court of Appeals, designated by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, serves as chairman of the Judicial Standards Commission.

Jurisdiction

The bulk of the caseload of the Court of Appeals consists of cases appealed from the trial courts. The Court also hears appeals directly from the Industrial Commission; certain final orders or decisions of the North Carolina State Bar; and the Commissioner of Insurance; the State Board of Contract Appeals; and appeals from certain final orders or decisions of the Property Tax Commission. (Appeals from the decisions of other administrative agencies lie first within the jurisdiction of the superior courts.)

In the event of a recommendation from the Judicial Standards Commission to censure or remove from office a justice of the Supreme Court, the (non-binding) recommendation would be considered by the Chief Judge and the six judges next senior in service on the Court of Appeals (excluding the judge who serves as the Commission's chairman). Such seven-member panel would have sole jurisdiction to act upon the Commission's recommendation.

Expenses of the Court, 1983-84

Operating expenses of the Court of Appeals during the 1983-84 fiscal year totalled $2,260,654, an increase of 11.6% over 1982-83 expenditures of $2,025,252. Expenditures for the Court of Appeals during 1983-84 amounted to 2.2% of all General Fund expenditures for operation of the entire Judicial Department during the fiscal year. This percentage share of the total is the same as the Court of Appeals' percentage share of the Judicial Department total in the 1982-83 fiscal year.

Case Data, 1983-84

A total of 1,314 appealed cases were filed before the Court of Appeals during the period, July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984. A total of 1,412 cases were disposed of during the same period. During 1983-84, a total of 471 petitions and 1,725 motions were filed before the Court of Appeals.

Further detail on the workload of the Court of Appeals is shown in the tables and graphs on the following pages.

FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

July 1, 1983-June 30, 1984

Cases on Appeal	**Filings**	**Dispositions**
Civil cases appealed from district courts	279	
Civil cases appealed from superior courts	448	
Civil cases appealed from administrative agencies	63	
Criminal cases appealed from superior courts	524	
Total	**1,314**	**1,412**
Petitions		
Allowed		59
Denied		364
Remanded		0
Total	**471**	**423**
Motions		
Allowed		1,258
Denied		311
Remanded		1
Total	**1,725**	**1,570**
Total Cases on Appeal, Petitions and Motions	**3,510**	**3,405**

INVENTORY OF CASES APPEALED TO THE COURT OF APPEALS

July 1, 1983-June 30, 1984

Judicial Division	Judicial District	Cases Filed			Other Appeals	Total Cases Filed	Total Cases Disposed
		Appeals from District Courts	Appeals from Superior Court				
			Civil	Criminal			
I	1	10	11	7	0	28	31
	2	2	6	20	0	28	38
	3	9	14	28	0	51	59
	4	6	13	28	0	47	54
	5	5	6	17	0	28	35
	6	1	9	8	0	18	20
	7	2	10	5	0	17	24
	8	7	4	26	0	37	44
II	9	3	3	11	0	17	24
	10	27	56	26	61	170	191
	11	6	13	14	0	33	31
	12	10	8	26	0	44	53
	13	7	3	13	0	23	22
	14	8	25	18	0	51	41
	15A/B*	18	20	20	0	58	45
	16	2	11	19	1	33	38
III	17A/B*	5	5	10	0	20	22
	18	23	37	20	1	81	60
	19A/B*	10	13	23	0	46	44
	20	12	24	16	0	52	55
	21	24	20	25	0	69	98
	22	12	21	20	0	53	38
	23	5	8	11	0	24	28
IV	24	4	6	7	0	17	13
	25	10	14	27	0	51	57
	26	24	32	31	0	87	102
	27A/B*	8	13	22	0	43	48
	28	8	20	20	0	48	41
	29	9	8	5	0	22	36
	30	2	15	1	0	18	20
Totals		**279**	**448**	**524**	**63**	**1,314**	**1,412**

*Combined totals for Districts 15A and 15B, Districts 17A and 17B, Districts 19A and 19B, and Districts 27A and 27B are shown. Separate figures for these districts were not available.

MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF CASES BEFORE THE COURT OF APPEALS

July 1, 1983-June 30, 1984

		Cases Disposed by Written Opinion					
Judicial Division	**Judicial District**	**Cases Affirmed**	**Cases Reversed**	**Cases Affirmed in Part, Reversed in Part**	**Total Cases by Written Opinion**	**Other Cases Disposed**	**Total Cases Disposed**
I	1	21	3	2	26	5	31
	2	25	10	2	37	1	38
	3	36	15	6	57	2	59
	4	36	14	2	52	2	54
	5	16	16	2	34	1	35
	6	16	2	1	19	1	20
	7	19	3	1	23	1	24
	8	37	4	2	43	1	44
II	9	18	5	0	23	1	24
	10	114	48	6	168	23	191
	11	24	3	1	28	3	31
	12	35	12	1	48	5	53
	13	15	4	1	20	2	22
	14	30	9	0	39	2	41
	15A/B*	29	10	1	40	5	45
	16	26	11	1	38	0	38
III	17A/B*	15	6	1	22	0	22
	18	33	15	3	51	9	60
	19A/B*	34	9	1	44	0	44
	20	41	4	6	51	4	55
	21	62	25	6	93	5	98
	22	24	6	0	30	8	38
	23	10	13	1	24	4	28
IV	24	9	2	0	11	2	13
	25	43	8	2	53	4	57
	26	72	18	6	96	6	102
	27A/B*	27	19	0	46	2	48
	28	21	14	0	35	6	41
	29	19	12	4	35	1	36
	30	9	10	1	20	0	20
TOTALS		**916**	**330**	**60**	**1,306**	**106**	**1,412**

*Combined totals for Districts 15A and 15B, Districts 17A and 17B, Districts 19A and 19B, and Districts 27A and 27B are shown. Separate figures for these districts were not available.

INVENTORY OF MOTIONS AND PETITIONS BEFORE THE COURT OF APPEALS

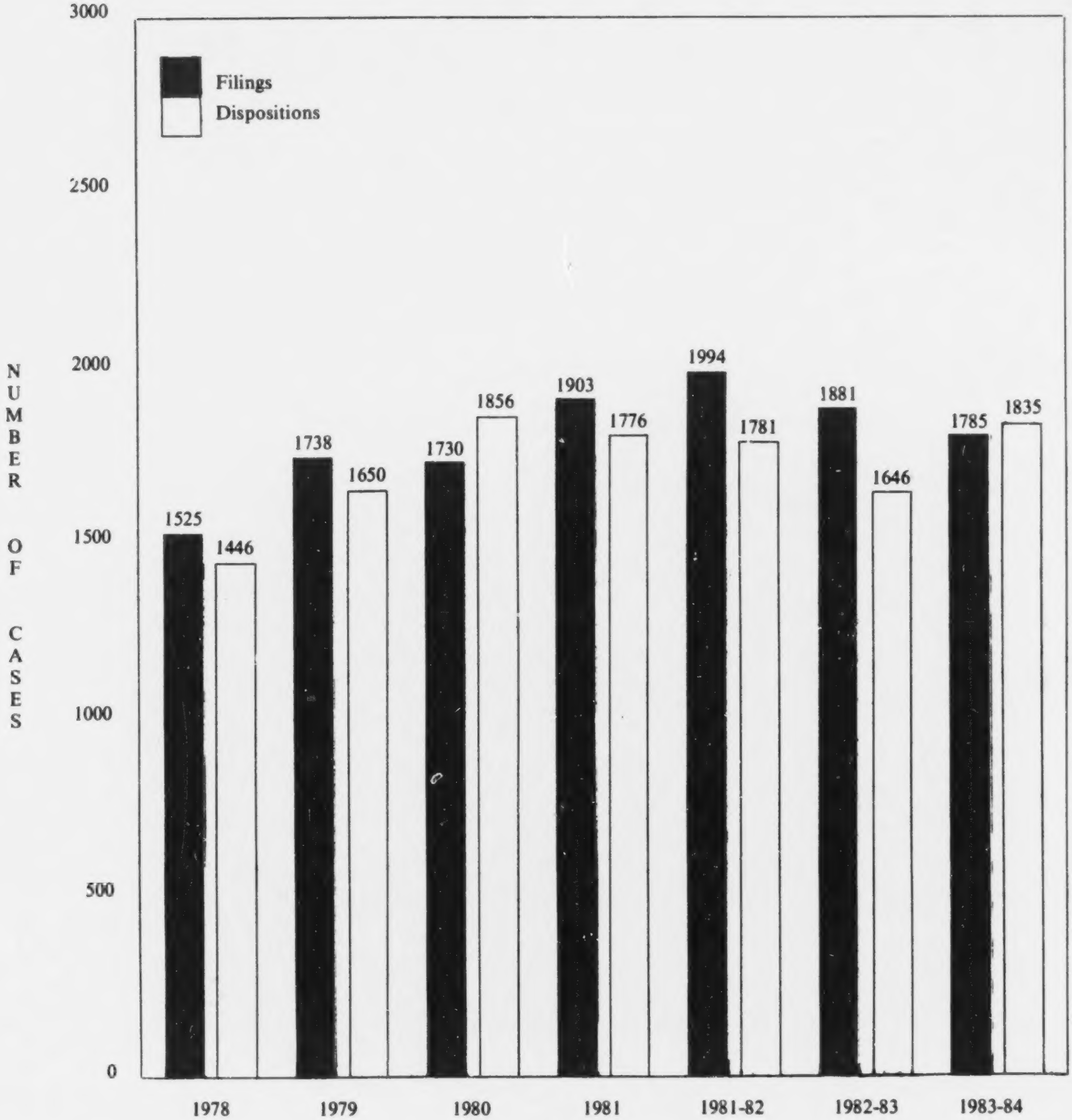
July 1, 1983-June 30, 1984

Judicial Division	Judicial District	Motions Filed	Petitions Filed	Total Filed	Motions Disposed			Petitions Disposed			Total Disposed
					Allowed	Denied	Remanded	Allowed	Denied	Remanded	
I	1	48	9	57	29	12	0	0	7	0	48
	2	20	6	26	13	5	0	0	7	0	25
	3	82	18	100	68	8	0	5	12	0	93
	4	50	21	71	38	8	0	1	18	0	65
	5	29	28	57	23	4	0	6	23	0	56
	6	28	19	47	21	7	0	1	18	0	47
	7	15	14	29	10	3	0	2	12	0	27
	8	44	11	55	32	7	0	1	5	0	45
II	9	26	9	35	20	4	0	0	8	0	32
	10	260	62	322	186	52	0	8	44	0	290
	11	41	12	53	37	2	0	3	9	0	51
	12	60	14	74	41	10	0	3	9	0	63
	13	57	7	64	55	2	0	0	4	0	61
	14	62	20	82	38	17	1	3	16	0	75
	15A/B*	104	13	117	86	15	0	2	9	0	112
	16	30	17	47	24	5	0	0	15	0	44
III	17A/B*	22	10	32	19	2	0	1	6	0	28
	18	117	29	146	84	20	0	5	20	0	129
	19A/B*	43	9	52	28	6	0	0	6	0	40
	20	39	10	49	27	12	0	2	9	0	50
	21	72	26	98	50	15	0	0	24	0	89
	22	57	8	65	34	13	0	5	3	0	55
	23	31	5	36	19	9	0	1	4	0	33
IV	24	28	6	34	24	1	0	2	3	0	30
	25	47	17	64	34	11	0	3	15	0	63
	26	117	27	144	85	21	0	2	23	0	131
	27A/B*	51	9	60	38	10	0	0	6	0	54
	28	81	14	95	62	11	0	1	13	0	87
	29	39	18	57	20	14	0	2	13	0	49
	30	25	3	28	13	5	0	0	3	0	21
Total		**1,725**	**471**	**2,196**	**1,258**	**311**	**1**	**59**	**364**	**0**	**1,993**

*Combined totals for Districts 15A and 15B, Districts 17A and 17B, Districts 19A and 19B, and Districts 27A and 27B are shown. Separate figures for these districts were not available.

FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

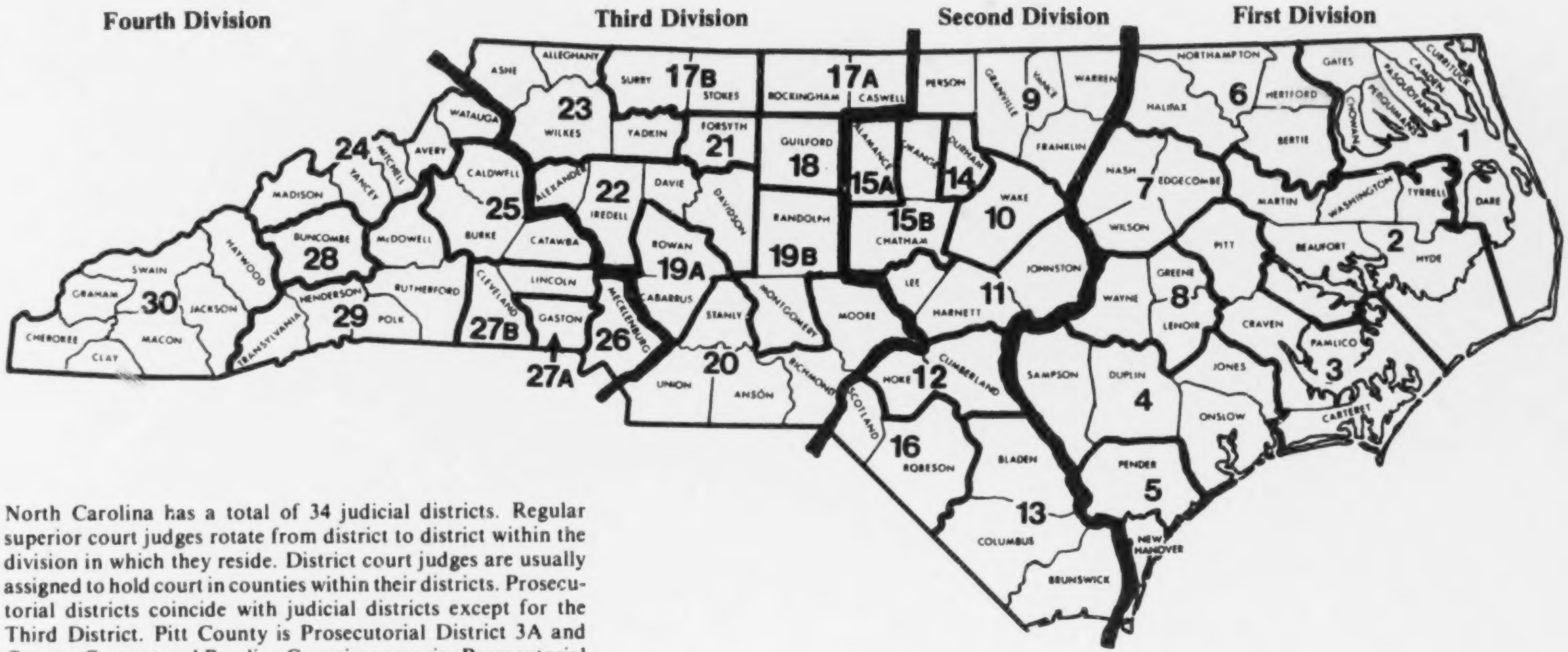
FISCAL YEARS 1978 THROUGH 1983-84



Filings and dispositions in this graph include appealed cases and petitions (not motions) in the Court of Appeals. During 1983-84, dispositions exceeded filings for the first time since 1980.

THE PRESENT COURT SYSTEM

North Carolina Judicial Districts and Divisions


Fourth Division
Third Division
Second Division
First Division
ASHE
ALLEGHANY
SURRY
17B
STOKES
17A
ROCKINGHAM
CASWELL
PERSON
GRANVILLE
VANCE
9
WARREN
NORTHAMPTON
GATES
CURRITUCK
CAMDEN
PASQUOTANK
PERQUIMANS
CHOWAN
HERTFORD
6
HALIFAX
BERTIE
1
WATAUGA
23
WILKES
YADKIN
FORSYTH
21
GUILFORD
18
ALAMANCE
ORANGE
DURHAM
14
15A
FRANKLIN
NASH
7
EDGECOMBE
MARTIN
WASHINGTON
TYRRELL
DARE
24
MITCHELL
AVERY
YANCEY
MADISON
CALDWELL
25
ALEXANDER
22
IREDELL
DAVIE
DAVIDSON
RANDOLPH
15B
CHATHAM
WAKE
10
WILSON
PITT
BEAUFORT
2
HYDE
BUNCOMBE
28
McDOWELL
BURKE
CATAWBA
ROWAN
19A
19B
LEE
JOHNSTON
GREENE
8
WAYNE
LENOIR
HAYWOOD
SWAIN
GRAHAM
30
JACKSON
CHEROKEE
CLAY
MACON
HENDERSON
29
TRANSYLVANIA
POLK
RUTHERFORD
CLEVELAND
27B
LINCOLN
GASTON
27A
MECKLENBURG
26
CABARRUS
STANLY
20
UNION
ANSON
MONTGOMERY
MOORE
RICHMOND
SCOTLAND
HOKE
12
HARNETT
11
CUMBERLAND
SAMPSON
DUPLIN
4
JONES
CRAVEN
PAMLICO
3
CARTERET
ONSLOW
16
ROBESON
BLADEN
13
COLUMBUS
BRUNSWICK
PENDER
5
NEW HANOVER

North Carolina has a total of 34 judicial districts. Regular superior court judges rotate from district to district within the division in which they reside. District court judges are usually assigned to hold court in counties within their districts. Prosecutorial districts coincide with judicial districts except for the Third District. Pitt County is Prosecutorial District 3A and Craven, Carteret and Pamlico Counties comprise Prosecutorial District 3B. Hence, there are 35 prosecutorial districts but only 34 judicial districts.

JUDGES OF SUPERIOR COURT*
(As of June 30, 1984)

FIRST DIVISION

District	
1	J. Herbert Small, Elizabeth City
2	Elbert S. Peel, Jr., Williamston
3	David E. Reid, Jr., Greenville
	Herbert O. Phillips, III, Morehead City
4	Henry L. Stevens, III, Kenansville
	James R. Strickland, Jacksonville
5	Bradford Tillery, Wilmington
	Napoleon B. Barefoot, Wilmington
6	Richard B. Allsbrook, Roanoke Rapids
7	Franklin R. Brown, Tarboro
	Charles B. Winberry, Rocky Mount
8	R. Michael Bruce, Mount Olive
	James D. Llewellyn, Kinston

SECOND DIVISION

9	Robert H. Hobgood, Louisburg
10	James H. Pou Bailey, Raleigh
	Henry V. Barnett, Jr., Raleigh
	Robert L. Farmer, Raleigh
	Edwin S. Preston, Jr., Raleigh
11	Wiley F. Bowen, Dunn
12	Darius B. Herring, Jr., Fayetteville
	Coy E. Brewer, Jr., Fayetteville
	Edwin L. Johnson, Fayetteville
13	Giles R. Clark, Elizabethtown
14	Thomas H. Lee, Durham
	Anthony M. Brannon, Bahama
	John C. Martin, Durham
15A	D. Marsh McLelland, Burlington
15B	F. Gordon Battle, Chapel Hill
16	B. Craig Ellis, Laurinburg

THIRD DIVISION

District	
17A	Melzer A. Morgan, Jr., Wentworth
17B	James M. Long, Pilot Mountain
18	W. Douglas Albright, Greensboro
	Edward K. Washington, Greensboro
	Thomas W. Ross, Greensboro
19A	Thomas W. Seay, Jr., Spencer
	James C. Davis, Concord
19B	Hal H. Walker, Asheboro
20	F. Fetzer Mills, Wadesboro
	William H. Helms, Wingate
21	William Z. Wood, Winston-Salem
	Judson D. DeRamus, Jr., Winston-Salem
	William H. Freeman, Winston-Salem
22	Robert A. Collier, Jr., Statesville
	C. Preston Cornelius
23	Julius A. Rousseau, Jr., North Wilkesboro

FOURTH DIVISION

24	Charles C. Lamm, Jr., Boone
25	Forrest A. Ferrell, Hickory
	Claude S. Sitton, Morganton
26	Frank W. Snepp, Jr., Charlotte
	Robert M. Burroughs, Charlotte
	Kenneth A. Griffin, Charlotte
	William T. Grist, Charlotte
	Chase B. Saunders, Charlotte
27A	Robert W. Kirby, Cherryville
	Robert E. Gaines, Gastonia
27B	John R. Friday, Lincolnton
28	Robert D. Lewis, Asheville
	C. Walter Allen, Asheville
29	Hollis M. Owens, Jr., Rutherfordton
30	James U. Downs, Franklin

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*In districts with more than one resident judge, the senior resident judge is listed first.

SPECIAL JUDGES OF SUPERIOR COURT

James A. Beaty, Jr., Winston-Salem
Arthur L. Lane, Fayetteville
John B. Lewis, Jr., Farmville
Mary M. Pope, Southern Pines
Donald L. Smith, Raleigh
Russell G. Walker, Jr., Asheboro
Thomas S. Watts, Elizabeth City

EMERGENCY JUDGES OF SUPERIOR COURT

George M. Fountain, Tarboro
Henry A. McKinnon, Jr., Lumberton
Samuel E. Britt, Lumberton

The Conference of Superior Court Judges
(Officers as of June 30, 1984)

Thomas W. Seay, Jr., Spencer, *President*

William T. Grist, Charlotte, *President-Elect*

James M. Long, Pilot Mountain, *Vice President*

Edwin L. Johnson, Fayetteville, *Secretary-Treasurer*

Elbert S. Peel, Jr., Williamston, and Wiley F. Bowen, Dunn, *Additional Executive Committee Members*

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1983-84

The Superior Courts

North Carolina's superior courts are the general jurisdiction trial courts for the state. In 1981-82, there were 60 "resident" superior court judges elected to office in the 34 judicial districts for eight-year-terms by Statewide ballot. In addition, eight "special" superior court judges are appointed by the Governor for four-year terms.

Jurisdiction

The superior court has original jurisdiction in all felony cases and in those misdemeanor cases which originate by grand jury indictment. (Most misdemeanors are tried first in the district court, from which conviction may be appealed to the superior court for trial *de novo* by a jury. No trial by jury is available for criminal cases in district court.) The superior court is the proper court for the trial of civil cases where the amount in controversy exceeds $10,000, and it has jurisdiction over appeals from administrative agencies except the Industrial Commission, certain rulings of the Commissioner of Insurance, the Board of Bar Examiners of the North Carolina State Bar, the Board of State Contract Appeals, and the Property Tax Commission. Appeals from these agencies lie directly to the North Carolina Court of Appeals.* Regardless of the amount in controversy, the original civil jurisdiction of the superior court does not include domestic relations cases, which are heard in the district courts, or probate and estates matters and certain special proceedings heard first by the clerk of superior court. Rulings of the clerk are within the appellate jurisdiction of the superior court.

Administration

The 100 counties of North Carolina were grouped into 34 judicial districts during 1983-84. Each district has at least one resident superior court judge who has certain administrative responsibilities for his home district, such as providing for civil case calendaring procedures. (Criminal case calendars are prepared by the district attorneys.) In districts with more than one resident superior court judge, the judge senior in service on the superior court bench exercises these supervisory powers.

The judicial districts are grouped into four divisions for the rotation of superior court judges, as shown on the map on Page 29. Within the division, a resident superior court judge is required to rotate among the judicial districts, holding court for at least six months in each, then moving on to his next assignment. A special superior court judge may be assigned to hold court in any of the 100 counties. Assignments of all superior court judges are made by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Under the Constitution of North Carolina, at least two sessions (a week each) of superior court are held annually in each of the 100 counties. The vast majority of counties have more than the Constitutional minimum of two weeks of superior court annually. Many larger counties have superior court in session about every week in the year.

Expenditures

A total of $12,061,852 was expended on the operations of the superior courts during the 1983-84 fiscal year. This included the salaries and travel expenses for the 68 superior court judges, and salaries and expense for court reporters and secretarial staff for superior court judges. The 1983-84 expenditures for the superior courts amounted to 11.6% of total General Fund expenditures for the operations of the entire Judicial Department during the 1983-84 fiscal year.

Caseload

Including both civil and criminal cases, a total of 80,558 cases were filed in the superior courts during 1983-84, a decrease of 4,930 cases (5.8%) from the total of 85,488 cases that were filed in 1982-83. There were decreases in filings in all case categories (civil, misdemeanor and felony).

Superior court case dispositions decreased from 84,797 in 1982-83 to 80,290 in 1983-84. There was a decrease in the number of dispositions in all three case categories, similar to the decrease in case filings.

More detailed information on the flow of cases through the superior courts is included in Part IV of this Report.

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*An amendment to Article IV, Section 12(1) of the State Constitution was approved by the voters at the June, 1982 election, and effective July 15, 1983, the General Assembly has provided for appeals from the Utilities Commission directly to the Supreme Court. See G.S. 7A-29(b).

DISTRICT COURT JUDGES*
(As of June 30, 1984)

District	
1	John T. Chaffin, Elizabeth City
	Grafton G. Beaman, Elizabeth City
	John R. Parker, Elizabeth City
2	Hallett S. Ward, Washington
	James W. Hardison, Wiliamston
3	E. Burt Aycock, Jr., Greenville
	J. Randal Hunter, New Bern
	Willie L. Lumpkin, III, Morehead City
	James E. Martin, Bethel
	James E. Regan, Oriental
	H. Horton Roundtree, Greenville
4	Kenneth W. Turner, Rose Hill
	William M. Cameron, Jr., Jacksonville
	Walter P. Henderson, Trenton
	James N. Martin, Clinton
	Stephen M. Williamson, Kenansville
5	Gilbert H. Burnett, Wilmington
	Jacqueline Morris-Goodson, Wilmington
	Charles H. Rice, III, Wilmington
	Elton Glenn Tucker, Wilmington
6	Nicholas Long, Roanoke Rapids
	Harold P. McCoy, Scotland Neck
	Robert E. Williford, Lewiston
7	George Britt, Tarboro
	Allen W. Harrell, Wilson
	Quentin T. Sumner, Rocky Mount
	Albert S. Thomas, Jr., Wilson
8	J. Patrick Exum, Kinston
	Kenneth R. Ellis, Fremont
	Rodney R. Goodman, Kinston
	Arnold O. Jones, Goldsboro
	Paul M. Wright, Goldsboro
9	Claude W. Allen, Jr., Oxford
	Ben U. Allen, Jr., Henderson
	J. Larry Senter, Franklinton
	Charles W. Wilkinson, Oxford
10	George F. Bason, Raleigh
	Stafford G. Bullock, Raleigh
	Narley L. Cashwell, Raleigh
	William A. Creech, Raleigh
	George R. Greene, Raleigh
	Louis W. Payne, Jr., Raleigh
	Philip O. Redwine, Raleigh
	Russell G. Sherrill, III, Raleigh
11	Elton C. Pridgen, Smithfield
	William Christian, Sanford
	K. Edward Greene, Dunn
	W. Pope Lyon, Smithfield
12	Sol. G. Cherry, Fayetteville
	Charles Lee Guy, Fayetteville
	Lacy S. Hair, Fayetteville
	Anna E. Keever, Fayetteville
	Warren L. Pate, Raeford
13	William E. Wood, Whiteville
	William C. Gore, Jr., Whiteville
	Roy D. Trest, Shallotte
14	J. Milton Read, Jr., Durham
	Karen B. Galloway, Durham
	David Q. LaBarre, Durham
	William G. Pearson, II, Durham
15A	J. B. Allen, Jr., Burlington
	W. S. Harris, Jr., Graham
	James K. Washburn, Burlington
15B	Stanley Peele, Chapel Hill
	Patricia S. Hunt, Hillsborough
	Donald L. Paschal, Siler City
16	John S. Gardner, Lumberton
	Charles G. McLean, Lumberton
	Herbert L. Richardson, Lumberton
17A	Peter M. McHugh, Reidsville
	Robert R. Blackwell, Yanceyville
17B	Foy Clark, Mount Airy
	Jerry Cash Martin, Mount Airy
18	Joseph R. John, Greensboro
	Robert Bencini, Jr., High Point
	Robert L. Cecil, High Point
	William L. Daisy, Greensboro
	Thomas G. Foster, Jr., Greensboro
	William K. Hunter, High Point
	Edmund Lowe, High Point
	John F. Yeattes, Jr., Greensboro
19A	Robert L. Warren, Concord
	Adam C. Grant, Jr., Concord
	Clarence E. Horton, Jr., Kannapolis
	Frank M. Montgomery, Salisbury

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*The Chief District Court Judge for each district is listed first.

DISTRICT COURT JUDGES*
(As of June 30, 1984)

District

19B L.T. Hammond, Jr., Asheboro
William M. Neely, Asheboro

20 Donald R. Huffman, Wadesboro
Michael E. Beale, Southern Pines
Ronald W. Burris, Albemarle
Kenneth W. Honneycutt, Monroe
W. Reece Saunders, Jr., Rockingham

21 Abner Alexander, Winston-Salem
Joseph J. Gatto, Winston-Salem
James A. Harrill, Jr., Winston-Salem
Robert Kason Keiger, Winston-Salem

22 Lester P. Martin, Jr., Mocksville
Samuel A. Cathey, Statesville
George T. Fuller, Lexington
Robert W. Johnson, Statesville

23 Samuel T. Osborne, Wilkesboro
Max F. Ferree, Wilkesboro
Edgar B. Gregory, Wilkesboro

24 Robert H. Lacey, Newland
Charles P. Ginn, Boone
R. Alexander Lyerly, Banner Elk

25 Livingston Vernon, Morganton
Edward H. Blair, Jr., Lenoir
Daniel R. Green, Jr., Hickory
L. Oliver Noble, Jr., Hickory
Samuel McD. Tate, Morganton

District

26 James E. Lanning, Charlotte
L. Stanley Brown, Charlotte
Daphene L. Cantrell, Charlotte
Resa L. Harris, Charlotte
Robert P. Johnston, Charlotte
William G. Jones, Charlotte
Theodore P. Matus, II, Charlotte
William H. Scarborough, Charlotte
W. Terry Sherrill, Charlotte
T. Michael Todd, Charlotte

27A Lewis Bulwinkle, Gastonia
Berlin H. Carpenter, Jr., Gastonia
J. Ralph Phillips, Gastonia
Donald E. Ramseur, Gastonia

27B George W. Hamrick, Shelby
James T. Bowen, Lincolnton
John M. Gardner, Shelby

28 William Marion Styles, Black Mountain
Earl J. Fowler, Jr., Arden
Robert L. Harrell, Asheville
Peter L. Roda, Asheville

29 Robert T. Gash, Brevard
Loto J. Greenlee, Marion
Zoro J. Guice, Jr., Hendersonville
Thomas N. Hix, Hendersonville

30 Robert Leatherwood, III, Bryson City
John J. Snow, Jr., Murphy
Danny E. Davis, Waynesville

The Association of District Court Judges
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ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1983-84

The District Courts

North Carolina's district courts are trial courts with original jurisdiction of the overwhelming majority of the cases handled by the State's court system. There were 142 district court judges serving in 34 judicial districts during 1983-84. These judges are elected to four-year terms by the voters of their respective districts.

A total of 614 magistrate positions were authorized as of June 30, 1984. Of this number, about 100 positions were specified as part-time. Magistrates are appointed by the senior resident superior court judge from nominations submitted by the clerk of superior court of their county, and they are supervised by the chief district court judge of their district.

Jurisdiction

The jurisdiction of the district court extends to virtually all misdemeanor cases, probable cause hearings in most felony cases, all juvenile proceedings, involuntary commitments and recommitments to mental hospitals, and domestic relations cases. The district courts have concurrent jurisdiction with the superior courts in general civil cases, but the district courts are the proper courts for the trial of civil cases where the amount in controversy is $10,000 or less. Upon the plaintiff's request, a civil case in which the amount in controversy is $1,000 or less, may be designated a "small claims" case and assigned by the chief district court judge to a magistrate for hearing. Magistrates are empowered to try worthless check criminal cases when the value of the check does not exceed $500. In addition, they may accept written appearances, waivers of trial, and pleas of guilty in such worthless check cases when the amount of the check is $500 or less, the offender has made restitution, and the offender has fewer than four previous worthless check convictions. Magistrates may accept waviers of appearance and pleas of guilty in traffic cases, and in boating, hunting and fishing violation cases,* for which a uniform schedule of fines has been adopted by the Conference of Chief District Judges. Magistrates also conduct initial hearings to fix conditions of release for arrested defendants, and they are empowered to issue arrest and search warrants.

Administration

A chief district judge is appointed for each judicial district by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court from among the elected judges in the respective districts. Subject to the Chief Justice's general supervision, each chief judge exercises administrative supervision and authority over the operation of the district courts and magistrates in his district. Each chief judge is responsible for: scheduling sessions of district court and assigning judges; supervising the calendaring of noncriminal cases; assigning matters to magistrates; making arrangements for court reporting and jury trials in civil cases; and supervising the discharge of clerical functions in the district courts.

The chief district court judges meet in conference at least once a year upon the call of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Among other matters, this annual conference adopts a uniform schedule of traffic offenses and fines for their violation for use by magistrates and clerks of court in accepting defendants' waivers of appearance and guilty pleas.

The Conference of Chief District Court Judges
(Officers as of June 30, 1984)

Robert T. Gash, Brevard, *Chairman*

Lester P. Martin, Jr., Mocksville, *Vice Chairman*

Expenditures

Total expenditures for the operation of the district courts in 1983-84 amounted to $19,845,501. This is an increase of 9.5% over 1982-83 expenditures of $18,119,464. Included in this total are the personnel costs of court reporters and secretaries as well as the personnel costs of the 142 district court judges and approximately 614 magistrates. The 1983-84 total is 19.1% of the General Fund expenditures for the operation of the entire Judicial Department, about the same percentage share of total Judicial Department expenditures that the district courts took for the 1982-83 fiscal year.

Caseload

During 1983-84 the statewide total number of district court filings (civil and criminal) increased only 4,608 (.3%) over the total number reported for 1982-83. Not including juvenile proceedings and mental hospital commitment hearings, the filing total in 1983-84 was 1,450,179. The motor vehicle criminal case category registered the only increase: 39,886 cases (5.5%) more than the number of motor vehicle criminal cases in 1982-83. There were decreases in filing totals for 1983-84, ranging from 4.4% to 5.7%, in the general civil, civil magistrate, and non-motor vehicle criminal case categories, compared with such totals for 1982-83.

More detailed information on district court civil and criminal caseloads and on juvenile case activity is contained in Part IV of this *Report*.

*Chapter 586, 1983 Session Laws; the uniform schedule of fines adopted by Chief District Judges becomes effective July 1, 1984

DISTRICT ATTORNEYS
(As of June 30, 1984)

District	
1	H. P. WILLIAMS, JR., Elizabeth City
2	WILLIAM C. GRIFFIN, JR., Williamston
3A	THOMAS D. HAIGWOOD, Greenville
3B	WILLIAM D. McFADYEN, New Bern
4	WILLIAM H. ANDREWS, Jacksonville
5	JERRY L. SPIVEY, Wilmington
6	DAVID H. BEARD, JR., Murfreesboro
7	HOWARD S. BONEY, JR., Tarboro
8	DONALD JACOBS, Goldsboro
9	DAVID R. WATERS, Oxford
10	J. RANDOLPH RILEY, Raleigh
11	JOHN W. TWISDALE, Smithfield
12	EDWARD W. GRANNIS, JR., Fayetteville
13	MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Whiteville
14	RONALD L. STEPHENS, Durham
15A	GEORGE E. HUNT, Graham
15B	WADE BARBER, JR., Pittsboro
16	JOE FREEMAN BRITT, Lumberton
17A	PHILIP W. ALLEN, Wentworth
17B	HAROLD D. BOWMAN, Dobson
18	D. LAMAR DOWDA, Greensboro
19A	JAMES F. ROBERTS, Concord
19B	GARLAND N. YATES, Asheboro
20	CARROLL LOWDER, Monroe
21	DONALD K. TISDALE, Winston-Salem
22	H. W. ZIMMERMAN, JR., Lexington
23	MICHAEL A. ASHBURN, North Wilkesboro
24	JAMES THOMAS RUSHER, Marshall
25	ROBERT E. THOMAS, Hickory
26	PETER S. GILCHRIST, Charlotte
27A	JOSEPH G. BROWN, Gastonia
27B	W. HAMPTON CHILDS, JR., Lincolnton
28	RONALD C. BROWN, Asheville
29	ALAN C. LEONARD, Rutherfordton
30	MARCELLUS BUCHANAN, III, Sylva

The District Attorneys Association
(Officers as of June 30, 1984)

Ronald C. Brown, Asheville, *President*

William H. Andrews, Jacksonville, *Vice President*

David R. Waters, Oxford, *Vice President for Legislative Affairs*

Mary Easley, Southport, *Secretary-Treasurer*

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1983-84

The District Attorneys

The State is divided into 35 prosecutorial districts which, with one exception, correspond to the 34 judicial districts. By act of the 1981 Session of the General Assembly, the 3rd Judicial District was divided into two separate prosecutorial districts, Prosecutorial Districts 3A and 3B, effective October 1, 1981. Prosecutorial District 3A consists of Pitt County, and Prosecutorial District 3B is comprised of Craven, Carteret, and Pamlico (G.S. 7A-60). A district attorney is elected by the voters in each of the 35 districts for four-year terms.

Duties

The district attorney represents the State in all criminal actions brought in the superior and district courts in his district. In addition to his prosecutorial functions, the district attorney is responsible for calendaring criminal cases for trial.

Resources

Each district attorney may employ on a full-time basis the number of assistant district attorneys authorized by statute for his district. As of June 30, 1984, a total of 213 assistant district attorneys were authorized for the 35 prosecutorial districts. The district attorney of District 26 (Mecklenburg County) had the largest staff (19 assistants) and the district attorney of District 17B and District 24 had the smallest staff (two assistants).

Each district attorney is authorized to employ an administrative assistant to aid in preparing casers for trial and to expedite the criminal court docket. The district attorney in 18 of the 35 districts is authorized to employ and investigatorial assistant who aids in the investigation of cases prior to trial, and in 10 districts, the district attorney is authorized to employ a witness coordinator.

1983-1984 Caseload

A total of 68,076 criminal cases were filed in the superior courts during 1983-84, consisting of 42,160 felony cases and 25,916 misdemeanor appeals from the district courts. The total number of filings in the superior courts (felonies and misdemeanors) in the previous year was 71,594. The decrease of 3,518 cases in 1983-84 represents a 4.9% decrease from the 1982-83 total.

Total criminal cases disposed of by the superior courts in 1983-84 amounted to 67,009. There were 41,698 felony dispositions; the number of misdemeanor cases disposed of was 25,311. Compared with 1982-83, total criminal case dispositions decreased by 3,111 from the 70,120 cases disposed of in that fiscal year.

The median ages of 1983-84 criminal cases at disposition in the superior courts were 80 days for felony cases and 65 days for misdemeanor appeals. In 1982-83, the median age of felony cases at disposition was 81 days, and the median age at disposition for misdemeanor appeals was 66 days.

Dispositions by jury trial in the superior courts, for felonies and misdemeanors, totalled 3,505 cases, or 5.2% of total criminal case dispositions in the superior courts. This was a decrease from jury dispositions of 3,999 (5.7% of total dispositions) during the 1982-83 year. As is evident, a very small proportion of all criminal cases utilize the great proportion of superior court time and resources required to handle the criminal caseload.

By contrast, in 1983-84 a majority (36,934 or 55.1%) of criminal case dispositions in superior courts were processed on submission of guilty pleas, not requiring a trial. This was very close to the 54.2% of guilty plea dispositions reported for 1982-83.

"Dismissal by district attorney" accounted for a significant percentage of all dispositions during 1983-84: a total of 18,179 cases, or 27.1% of all dispositions. This proportion is comparable to that recorded for prior years. Many of the dismissals involved the situation of two or more cases pending against the same defendant, resulting in a plea bargain agreement where the defendant pleads guilty to some charges in exchange for a dismissal of others.

There was a decrease in the number of "speedy trial rule" dismissals in superior courts, from 92 in 1982-83 to 82 in 1983-84.

The total number of criminal cases disposed of in the superior courts was 1,067 cases less than the total number of cases filed in 1983-84. Consequently, the number of pending criminal cases in superior court increased from 11,281 at the beginning of the fiscal year to a total at year's end of 12,348, an increase of 9.5%.

The median age of *pending* felony cases in the superior courts increased from 80 days on June 30, 1983 to 89 days on June 30, 1984. An increase was also recorded for misdemeanor appeals, with the median age of *pending* misdemeanor appeals increasing from 66 days on June 30, 1983 to 78 days on June 30, 1984.

In the district courts, a total of 1,151,183 criminal cases were filed during 1983-84. This total consisted of 768,403 motor vehicle criminal cases and 382,780 non-motor vehicle criminal cases. A comparison of total filings in 1983-84 with total filings (1,129,032) in 1982-83 reveals an increase in district court criminal filing activity of 22,151 cases or 2.0%. An increase in motor vehicle criminal case filings was responsible for all of this increase. Filings in the motor vehicle case category rose by 39,886 cases, from 728,517 cases in 1982-83 to 768,403 cases in 1983-84, an increase of 5.5%.

As motor vehicle criminal case filings rose in 1983-84, filings in the non-motor vehicle criminal case category fell by 17,735 cases (4.4%), from a total of 400,515 in 1982-83 to 382,780 cases in 1983-84.

Total dispositions in district courts during 1983-84 in the motor vehicle criminal case category amounted to 757,617 cases. As in prior years, a substantial portion

(437,665 cases or 57.8%) was disposed of by waiver of appearance and entry of plea of guilty before a clerk or magistrate. This substantial number of criminal cases did not, of course, require action by the district attorneys' offices and should not be regarded as having been a part of the district attorneys' caseload. The remaining 319,952 motor vehicle cases were disposed of by means other than a waiver. This balance was 3,177 cases, or 1.0% more than the 316,775 such dispositions in 1982-83. (The clerks of court no longer report motor vehicle criminal cases by case file number to the Administrative Office of the Courts. Only summary total number of filings and dispositions are reported. Therefore, it is not possible by computer-processing to obtain pending case data for the motor vehicle criminal case category.)

With respect to non-motor vehicle criminal case dispositions, a total of 380,643 such cases were disposed of in district courts in 1983-84. As with superior court criminal cases, the most frequent method of disposition was by entry of guilty plea; the next most frequent was dismissal by the district attorney. Some 143,355 cases, or 37.7% of the dispositions were by guilty pleas. An additional 91,720 cases, or 24.1%, of the total were disposed of by procutor dismissal. There were no "speedy trial rule" dismissals, compared with two such dispositions in 1982-83. The remaining cases were disposed of by waiver (12.8%), trial (10.6%), or by other means (14.8%).

During 1983-84, the median age at disposition of non-motor vehicle criminal cases was 26 days, compared with 24 days at disposition for 1982-83.

Total non-motor vehicle criminal dispositions were 2,137 cases less than the total of such filings during 1983-84. The number of non-motor vehicle criminal cases pending at year's end was 58,727, compared with a total of 56,590 at the beginning of the year, an increase of 2,137 (3.8%) in the number of pending cases. The median age for pending non-motor vehicle cases dropped from 59 days on June 30, 1983 to 44 days on June 30, 1984.

Additional information on the criminal caseloads in superior and district courts is included in Part IV of this *Report*.

CLERKS OF SUPERIOR COURT
(As of June 30, 1984)

COUNTY	CLERK OF COURT	COUNTY	CLERK OF COURT
Alamance	Louise B. Wilson	Johnston	Will R. Crocker
Alexander	Seth Chapman	Jones	Ronald H. Metts
Alleghany	Joan B. Atwood	Lee	Sion H. Kelly
Anson	R. Frank Hightower	Lenoir	Claude C. Davis
Ashe	Virginia W. Johnson	Lincoln	Nellie L. Bess
Avery	Robert A. McKee	Macon	Lois S. Morris
Beaufort	Thomas S. Payne, III	Madison	James W. Cody
Bertie	Thomas S. Speight	Martin	Mary K. Wynne
Bladen	Hilda H. Coleman	McDowell	Ruth B. Williams
Brunswick	K. Gregory Bellamy	Mecklenburg	Robert M. Blackburn
Buncombe	J. Ray Elingburg	Mitchell	Arthur Ray Ledford
Burke	Major A. Joines	Montgomery	Charles M. Johnson
Cabarrus	Estus B. White	Moore	Rachel H. Comer
Caldwell	Jeanette Turner	Nash	Rachel M. Joyner
Camden	Catherine W. McCoy	New Hanover	Louise D. Rehder
Carteret	Mary Austin	Northampton	R. Jennings White, Jr.
Caswell	Janet H. Cobb	Onslow	Everitte Barbee
Catawba	Eunice W. Mauney	Orange	Frank S. Frederick
Chatham	Janice Oldham	Pamlico	Mary Jo Potter
Cherokee	Rose Mary Crooke	Pasquotank	Frances W. Thompson
Chowan	Marjorie H. Hollowell	Pender	Frances N. Futch
Clay	R. L. Cherry	Perquimans	W.J. Ward
Cleveland	Ruth S. Dedmon	Person	W. Thomas Humphries
Columbus	Lacy R. Thompson	Pitt	Sandra Gaskins
Craven	Dorothy Pate	Polk	Judy P. Arledge
Cumberland	George T. Griffin	Randolph	John H. Skeen
Currituck	Wiley B. Elliot	Richmond	Miriam F. Greene
Dare	Betty Mann	Robeson	Dixie I. Barrington
Davidson	Hugh Shepherd	Rockingham	Frankie C. Williams
Davie	Delores C. Jordan	Rowan	Francis Glover
Duplin	John A. Johnson	Rutherford	Joan M. Jenkins
Durham	James Leo Carr	Sampson	Charlie T. McCullen
Edgecombe	Curtis Weaver	Scotland	C. Whitfield Gibson, Jr.
Forsyth	A.E. Blackburn	Stanly	David R. Fisher
Franklin	Ralph S. Knott	Stokes	Pauline Kirkman
Gaston	Betty B. Jenkins	Surry	David J. Beal
Gates	Frank L. Rice	Swain	Sara Robinson
Graham	O.W. Hooper, Jr.	Transylvania	Marian M. McMahon
Granville	Mary Ruth C. Nelms	Tyrrell	Jessie L. Spencer
Greene	Joyce J. Harrell	Union	Nola H. McCollum
Guilford	James Lee Knight	Vance	Mary Lou M. Barnett
Halifax	Ellen C. Neathery	Wake	J. Russell Nipper
Harnett	Georgia Lee Brown	Warren	Richard E. Hunter, Jr.
Haywood	William G. Henry	Washington	Timothy L. Spear
Henderson	Thomas H. Thompson	Watauga	John T. Bingham
Hertford	Richard T. Vann	Wayne	Floyd R. Evans
Hoke	Juanita Edmund	Wilkes	Wayne Roope
Hyde	Lenora R. Bright	Wilson	William G. Stewart
Iredell	Carl G. Smith	Yadkin	Harold J. Long
Jackson	Frank Watson, Jr.	Yancey	F. Warren Hughes

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1983-84

The Clerks of Superior Court

A Clerk of Superior Court is elected for a four-year term by the voters in each of North Carolina's 100 counties. The Clerk has jurisdiction to hear and decide special proceedings and is, *ex officio*, judge of probate, in addition to performing record-keeping and administrative functions for both the superior and district courts of his county.

Jurisdiction

The original jurisdiction of the clerk of superior court includes the probate of wills and administration of decedents' estates. It also includes such "special proceedings" as adoptions, condemnations of private property under the public's right of eminent domain, proceedings to establish boundaries, foreclosures, and certain proceedings to administer the estates of minors and incompetent adults. The right of appeal from the clerks' judgments in such cases lies to the superior court.

The clerk of superior court is also empowered to issue search warrants and arrest warrants, subpoenas, and other process necessary to execute the judgments entered in the superior and district courts of his county. For certain misdemeanor criminal offenses, the clerk is authorized to accept defendants' wavier of appearance and plea of guilty and to impose a fine in accordance with a schedule established by the Conference of Chief District Court Judges.

Administration

The clerk of superior court performs administrative duties for both the superior and district courts of his county. Among these duties are the maintenance of court records and indexes, the control and accounting of funds, and the furnishing of information to the Administrative Office of the Courts.

In most counties, the clerk continues to perform certain functions related to preparation of civil case calendars, and in many counties, the clerk's staff assists the district attorney in preparing criminal case calendars as well. Policy and oversight responsibility for civil case calendaring is vested in the State's senior resident superior court judges and chief district court judges. However, day-to-day civil calendar preparation is the clerk's responsibility in all districts except those served by trial court administrators.

Expenditures

A total of $30,479,493 was expended in 1983-84 for the operation of the 100 clerk of superior court offices. In addition to the salaries and other expenses of the clerks and their staffs, this total includes expenditures for jurors' fees, and witness expenses.

Total expenditures for clerks' offices in 1983-84 amounted to 29.3% of the General Fund expenditures for the operations of the entire Judicial Department.

1983-84 Caseload

During 1983-84, estate case filings totalled 39,477. This was a slight increase over the 39,188 cases filed in 1982-83. Estate case dispositions totalled 39,872 cases in 1983-84, or 4.6% more than the previous year's total of 38,110. Dispositions exceeded filings by 395 cases. This produced a decrease of the same amount in the number of estate cases pending at the end of the year.

A total of 30,645 special proceedings were filed before the 100 clerks of superior court in 1983-84. This is a decrease of 1,190 cases (3.7%) from the 31,835 filings in the previous fiscal year. During the year, total special proceedings dispositions amounted to 29,007 cases, with a resulting increase in the number of cases pending of 8.0%, from 20,433 on July 1, 1983 to 22,071 as of June 30, 1984.

The clerks of superior court are also responsible for handling the records of all case filings and dispositions in the superior and district courts. The total number of superior court case filings during the 1983-84 year was 80,558 and the total number of district court filings, not including juvenile proceedings and mental hospital commitment hearings, was 1,450,179.

More detailed information on the estates and special proceedings caseloads is included in Part IV of this *Report*.

Association of Clerks of Superior Court
(Officers as of June 30, 1984)

Nola H. McCollum, Union County,
President

Major Joines, Burke County,
First Vice President

David J. Beal, Surry County
Second Vice President

John Johnson, Duplin County
Secretary
Frances W. Thompson, Pasquotank County
Treasurer

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1983-84

Juvenile Services Division

The Juvenile Services Division of the Administrative Office of the Courts provides intake, probation and aftercare services to juveniles who are before the District Courts for delinquent matters, *i.e.*, violations of the criminal code, including motor vehicle violations; and for undisciplined matters, such as running away from home, being truant, and being beyond the parents' disciplinary control.

Intake is the screening of complaints alleging delinquent or undisciplined behavior by children, to determine whether petitions should be filed. During the 1983-84 year a total of 18,511 complaints were brought to the attention of intake counselors. Of this number, 11,236 (61%) were approved for filing, and 7,275 (39%) were not approved for filing.

Probation and aftercare refer to supervision of children in their own communities. Probation is authorized by judicial order. Aftercare service is provided for juveniles after their release from a training school. (Protective supervision is also a form of court-ordered supervision within the community; and this service is combined with probation and aftercare.)

In 1983-84 a total of 14,420 juveniles were supervised in the probation and aftercare program.

Expenditures

The Juvenile Services Division is State-funded. The expenditures for fiscal year 1983-84 totalled $7,840,587. This was an increase of 5% over the 1982-83 expenditures. The 1983-84 expenditures amounted to 7.6% of all General Fund expenditures for the operation of the entire Judicial Department, close to the same percentage share of total Judicial Department expenditures for the Division as in the previous fiscal year.

Administration

The Administrator of the Juvenile Services Division is appointed by the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts. A chief court counselor is appointed for each judicial district by the Administrator of the Juvenile Services Division, with the approval of the Chief District Court Judge and the Administrative Officer of the Courts. Subject to the Administrator's general supervision, each chief court counselor exercises administrative supervision over the operation of the court counseling services in the respective districts.

Juvenile Services Division Staff
(As of June 30, 1984)

Thomas A. Danek, *Administrator*

Edward F. Taylor, *Assistant Administrator*

John T. Wilson, *Program Supervisor*

Jennie E. Cannon, *Education Coordinator*

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1983-84

Juvenile Services Division
(As of June 30, 1984)

Judicial District	Chief Court Counselors	Judicial District	Chief Court Counselors
1	Robert Hendrix	16	Robert Hughes
2	Vacant	17A and 17B	Martha Lauten
3	Eve C. Rogers	18	J. Manley Dodson
4	Ida Ray Miles	19A and 19B	James Queen
5	William T. Childs	20	Jimmy Craig
6	John R. Brady	21	James J. Weakland
7	Nancy C. Patteson	22	Carl T. Duncan
8	Harold Hinnant	23	Vacant
9	Tommy Lewis	24	Lynn Hughes
10	Vacant	25	Lee Cox
11	Henry C. Cox	26	James Yancey
12	Phil T. Utley	27A	Yvonne Hall
13	Jimmy Godwin	27B	Gloria Newman
14	Fred Elkins	28	Louis Parrish
15A	Harry Derr	29	Kenneth Lanning
15B	Harold Rogerson	30	Betty G. Alley

THE COURT COUNSELORS ASSOCIATION
(Officers for 1983-84)

Executive Committee Members

John A. Auten, Jr., *President*

James J. Weakland, *President-elect*

Anne Mobley, *Secretary*

Bill Fishel, *Treasurer*

Harold Rogerson, *Parliamentarian*

Board Members

1982-84	1982-85	1983-86
Pat Jackson	John Brady	Fred Elliott
Eleanor P. Causey	Mark Vinson	Jan Dial Smith
Pam Honeycutt	Horace Walser	Thomas A. Danek

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1983-84

Public Defenders

During 1983-84, there were seven public defender offices in North Carolina, serving Judicial Districts 3,* 12, 15B, 18, 26, 27A, and 28. The public defender for District 28 is appointed by the senior resident superior court judge from recommendations submitted by the district bar; for other districts, the appointment is by the Governor from recommendations of the respective district bars. Their terms are four years. Each public defender is by statute provided a minimum of one full-time assistant public defender and additional full-time or part-time assistants as may be authorized by the Administrative Office of the Courts.

Entitlement of Indigents to Counsel

A person is determined to be indigent if he is found "financially unable to secure legal representation." He is entitled to State-paid legal representation in: any proceeding which may result in (or which seeks relief from) confinement; a fine of $500 or more; or extradition to another State; a proceeding alleging mental illness or incapacity which may result in hospitalization, sterilization, or the loss of certain property rights; and juvenile proceedings which may result in confinement, transfer to superior court for a felony trial, or termination of parental rights.

Most of the cases of State-paid representation of indigents in the districts with public defenders are handled by the public defender's office. However, the court may in certain circumstances—such as existence of a potential conflict of interest—assign private counsel to represent an indigent defendant. In the other 28 districts, the assigned private counsel system was the only one used.

Expenditures

A total of $2,531,928 was expended for the operation of the seven public defenders' offices during 1983-84. This was an increase of $312,162 (14.1%) over the 1982-83 total of $2,219,766.

1983-84 Caseload

The seven public defender offices disposed of cases involving a total of 16,825 defendents during 1983-84. This was an increase of 422 defendants, or 2.6%, over the 16,403 defendants represented during 1982-83.

Additional information concerning the operation of these offices is found in Part III of this *Annual Report*.

PUBLIC DEFENDERS
(As of June 30, 1984)

District 3
Donald C. Hicks, III, Greenville

District 12
Mary Ann Tally, Fayetteville

District 15B
John Kirk Osborn, Chapel Hill

District 18
Wallace G. Harrelson, Greensboro

District 26
Isabel S. Day, Charlotte

District 27A
Rowell C. Cloninger, Jr., Gastonia

District 28
J. Robert Hufstader, Asheville

The Association of Public Defenders
(Officers as of June 30, 1984)

Wallace G. Harrelson, *President*

J. Robert Hufstader, *Vice President*

Steve Ward, *Secretary-Treasurer*

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*Public defender serves only two counties of the four in District 3: Pitt and Carteret.

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1983-84

The Office of the Appellate Defender

(Staff as of June 30, 1984)

Adam Stein, *Appellate Defender*

Assistant Appellate Defenders

David W. Dorey
Robin E. Hudson
Malcolm R. Hunter, Jr.
Lorinzo L. Joyner
Ann B. Petersen

The Appellate Defender Office began operation as a State-funded program on October 1, 1981. (Prior to that date, appellate defender services were funded by a one-year federal grant.) In accord with the assignments made by trial court judges, it is the responsibility of the Appellate Defender and his staff to provide criminal defense appellate services to indigent persons who are appealing their convictions to the N. C. Supreme Court, the N. C. Court of Appeals, or to Federal courts.

The Appellate Defender is appointed by the Governor for a term of four years, but in carrying out his duties he is under the general supervision of the Chief Justice. The Chief Justice may, consistent with the resources available to the Appellate Defender and to insure quality criminal defense services, authorize certain appeals to be assigned to a local public defender office or to private assigned counsel instead of to the Appellate Defender.

1983-84 Caseload

As of July 1, 1983, the Appellate Defender had 42 cases pending in the North Carolina Supreme Court. During the 1983-84 year, a total of 45 additional appeals to the Supreme Court were assigned to the Appellate Defender's Office, and during that year a total of 53 cases in the Supreme Court were disposed of. This left 34 cases pending as of June 30, 1984. During the 1983-84 year, the Appellate Defender and his staff filed a total of 37 briefs and 42 petitions in the Supreme Court.

As of July 1, 1983, the Appellate Defender had 139 cases pending in the North Carolina Court of Appeals. During the 1983-84 year, a total of 161 additional appeals to the Court of Appeals were assigned to the Appellate Defender's Office, and during that year, a total of 130 cases in the Court of Appeals were disposed of. This left 170 cases pending as of June 30, 1984. During the 1983-84 year, the Appellate Defender and his staff filed a total of 102 briefs and 16 petitions in the Court of Appeals.

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1983-84

The North Carolina Courts Commission

(Members as of June 30, 1984)

Appointed by the Governor

H. Parks Helms, Charlotte, *Chairman*
Member, N.C. House of Representatives

Wade Barber, Jr., Pittsboro
District Attorney

Daniel T. Blue, Jr., Raleigh
Member, N.C. House of Representatives

Rebecca B. Hundley, Thomasville

Louise B. Wilson, Graham
Clerk of Court

Dennis J. Winner, Asheville
Member, N. C. State Senate

Appointed by President of the Senate (Lieutenant Governor)

Julian R. Allsbrook, Roanoke Rapids
Member, N.C. Senate

Fielding Clark, II, Hickory

E. Lawrence Davis, Raleigh

Alfred M. Goodwin, Louisburg
Magistrate

R.C. Soles, Jr., Tabor City
Member, N. C. Senate

Howard F. Twiggs, Raleigh

Ex-Officio (Non-Voting)

Robert M. Clay, Raleigh
N.C. Bar Association Representative

William K. Davis, Raleigh
N.C. State Bar Representative

Franklin E. Freeman, Jr., Raleigh
Administrative Officer of the Courts

Appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives

David M. Britt, Raleigh
Retired Associate Justice, N. C. Supreme Court

Robert C. Hunter, Marion
Member, N.C. House of Representatives

Ralph S. Knott, Louisburg
Clerk of Court

Hugh A. Lee, Rockingham
Member, N. C. House of Representatives

Marvin D. Musselwhite, Jr., Raleigh
Member, N.C. House of Representatives

Dennis A. Wicker, Sanford
Member, N.C. House of Representatives

Appointed by the Chief Justice of the N.C. Supreme Court

Burley B. Mitchell, Jr., Raleigh
Associate Justice, N. C. Supreme Court

Clifton E. Johnson, Charlotte
Judge, N. C. Court of Appeals

Giles R. Clark, Elizabethtown
Superior Court Judge

Forrest A. Ferrell, Hickory
Superior Court Judge

Nicholas Long, Roanoke Rapids
District Court Judge

Samuel McD. Tate, Morganton
District Court Judge

The North Carolina Courts Commission was reestablished by the 1979 General Assembly "to make continuing studies of the structure, organization, jurisdiction, procedures and personnel of the Judicial Department and of the General Court of Justice and to make recommendations to the General Assembly for such changes therein as will facilitate the administration of justice". Initially, the Commission was comprised of 15 voting members, with five each appointed by the Governor, the President of the Senate (Lieutenant Governor), and the Speaker of the House. The Commission also had three *ex officio* members as shown above.

The 1981 General Assembly amended the statutes pertaining to the Courts Commission, to increase the number of voting members from 15 to 23, with the Governor to appoint seven voting members, the President of the Senate to appoint eight voting members, and the Speaker of the House to appoint eight voting members. The non-voting *ex officio* members remained the same: a representative of the North Carolina Bar Association, a representative of the North Carolina State Bar, and the Administrative Officer of the Courts.

The 1983 Session of the General Assembly further amended G.S. 7A-506, to revise the voting membership

The North Carolina Courts Commission

of the Commission. Effective July 1, 1983, the Commission is to consist of 24 voting members, six to be appointed by the Governor; six to be appointed by the Speaker of the House; six to be appointed by the President of the Senate; and six to be appointed by the Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court. The Governor continues to appoint the Chairman of the Commission, from among its legislative members. The nonvoting *ex officio* membership of three persons remains the same.

Of the six appointees of the Chief Justice, one is to be a Justice of the Supreme Court, one is to be a Judge of the Court of Appeals, two are to be judges of superior court, and two are to be judges of district court.

Of the six appointees of the Governor, one is to be a district attorney, one a practicing attorney, one a clerk of superior court, and three are to be members or former members of the General Assembly and at least one of these shall not be an attorney.

Of the six appointees of the Speaker of the House, at least three are to be practicing attorneys, and three are to be members or formers members of the General Assembly, and at least one of these three is not to be an attorney.

Of the six appointees of the President of the Senate, at least three are to be practicing attorneys, three are to be members or former members of the General Assembly, and at least one is to be a magistrate.

During the 1983-84 year the Courts Commission had a total of seven meetings, with public hearings held in Roanoke Rapids and in Raleigh.

In its report to the 1984 Session of the General Assembly, the Commission reaffirmed its support for proposals introduced at the 1983 Session but not acted upon, and which were eligible for consideration in 1984. The proposals were:

- To allow recall of retired appellate Supreme Court Justices to service on either the Supreme Court or the Court of Appeals (H 310).
- To allow magistrates salary credit for previous experience in a clerk's office or as a law enforcement officer (H 473).
- To classify minor traffic offenses as infractions, and provide a procedure for disposition of infractions (H 491).
- To allow trial judges to award attorneys fees to the prevailing party in certain civil actions (H474). The first three bills listed above were postponed indefinitely at the 1984 "short" session. The fourth bill was enacted into law (G.S. 6-21.5).

The Courts Commission also recommended two new bills to the 1984 Session. One provided clarifying amendments to the court cost provisions which were approved at the 1983 Session; and that proposal was enacted into law. The other bill was designed to clarify that part-time magistrates would be entitled to earn retirement credits in the state retirement system and to receive benefits under the State's health plan. No action was taken on that proposal by the 1984 Session; and it is expected to be reintroduced and considered at the 1985 Session of the General Assembly.

In addition, the Commission expressed its general support for additional appropriations for the court system, to enable the courts to handle the significant impact produced by two major pieces of legislation enacted in 1983: the Safe Roads Act and the Child Support Enforcement Act.

Finally, the Commission recommended the necessary funding for two additional steps in the longevity pay schedule for judges. Such longevity pay was approved at the 1984 Session, for judges as well as for district attorneys and clerks of court.

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1983-84

The Judicial Standards Commission
(Members as of June 30, 1984)

Appointed by the Chief Justice

Court of Appeals Judge Gerald Arnold, Fuquay-Varina, *Chairman*

Superior Court Judge W. Douglas Albright, Greensboro

District Court Judge L. T. Hammond, Jr., Asheboro

Appointed by the Governor

Susan Whittington, Wilkesboro, *Secretary*

Veatrice C. Davis, Fayetteville

Elected by the Council of the N.C. State Bar

Jerome B. Clark, Jr., Fayetteville, *Vice Chairman*

E. K. Powe, Durham

Deborah R. Carrington, *Executive Secretary*

THE JUDICIAL STANDARDS COMMISSION

July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984

The Judicial Standards Commission was established by the General Assembly pursuant to a constitutional amendment approved by the voters at the general election in November 1972.

Upon recommendation of the Commission, the Supreme Court may censure or remove any judge for wilful misconduct in office, wilful and persistent failure to perform his duties, habitual intemperance, conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude, or conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice that brings the judicial office into disrepute. In addition, upon recommendation of the Commission, the Supreme Court may remove any judge for mental or physical incapacity interfering with the performance of his duties, which is, or is likely to become, permanent.

Where a recommendation for censure or removal involves a justice of the Supreme Court, the recommendation and supporting record is filed with the Court of Appeals which has and proceeds under the same authority for censure or removal of a judge. Such a proceeding would be heard by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and the six judges senior in service, excluding the Court of Appeals judge who by law serves as the Chairman of the Judicial Standards Commission.

In addition to a recommendation of censure or removal, the Commission also utilizes a disciplinary measure known as a reprimand. The reprimand is a mechanism administratively developed for dealing with inquiries where the conduct involved does not warrant censure or removal, but where some action is justified. Since the establishment of the Judicial Standards Commission in 1973, reprimands have been issued in thirteen instances covering 19 inquiries.

During the 1 July 1983 - 30 June 1984 fiscal year, the Judicial Standards Commission met on the following dates: 23 September 1983, 2 December 1983, 22 February 1984, and 15 June 1984. In addition, the Commission convened on 22 February 1984 for a hearing involving three inquiries.

A complaint or other information against a judge, whether filed with the Commission or initiated by the Commission on its own motion, is designated as an "Inquiry Concerning a Judge." Twenty-eight such inquiries were pending as of 1 July 1983, and 60 inquiries were filed during the fiscal year, giving the Commission a total workload of 88 inquiries.

During the fiscal year, the Commission disposed of 80 inquiries, and 8 inquiries remained pending at the end of the fiscal year.

The determinations of the Commission regarding the 80 inquiries disposed of during the fiscal year were as follows:

(1) 55 inquiries were determined to involve matters for appeal or other legal remedy, evidentiary rulings, length of sentences, or other matters not within the Commission's jurisdiction rather than questions of judicial misconduct;

(2) five inquiries were determined to involve allegations of conduct which did not rise to such a level as would warrant investigation by the Commission;

(3) 13 inquiries were determined to warrant no further action following completion of 4 preliminary investigations;

(4) six inquiries covered in 2 preliminary investigative files were determined to warrant the issuance of private reprimands; and

(5) one inquiry was determined to warrant a recommendation of removal following a hearing in the matter which had been held in the 1982-83 fiscal year.

The recommendation of removal filed by the Commission on 15 August 1983 in Inquiry Concerning a Judge, No. 76 (Charles T. Kivett, Respondent), was adopted by the Supreme Court on 6 December 1983. *In re Kivett*, 309 N.C. 635, 309 S.E.2d 442 (1983).

Of the eight inquiries pending at the end of the fiscal year:

(1) three inquiries were awaiting initial review by the Commission; and

(2) five inquiries covered in five preliminary investigative files were awaiting completion of the investigation or were subject to other action by the Commission.

PART III

COURT RESOURCES

- **Financial**
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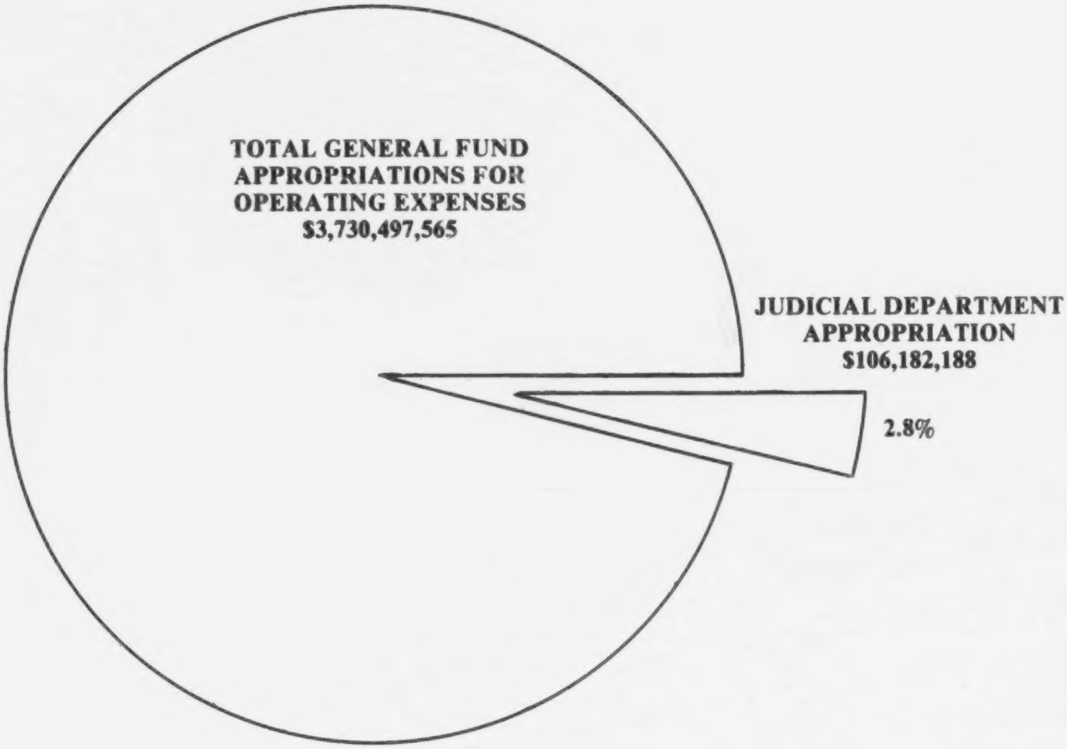
JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

Under the State Constitution the operating expenses of the Judicial Department (all North Carolina courts) "other than compensation to process servers and other locally paid non-judicial officers" are required to be paid from State funds. It is customary legislative practice for the General Assembly to include appropriations for the operating expenses of all three branches of State government in a single budget bill, for a two-year period ending on June 30 of the odd-numbered years. The budget for the second year of the biennium is generally modified during the even-year legislative session.

Building facilities for the appellate courts are provided by State funds, but, by statute, the county governments are required to provide from county funds for adequate facilities for the trial courts within each of the 100 counties.

Appropriations from the State's General Fund for operating expenses for all departments and agencies of State government, including the Judicial Department, totalled $3,730,497,565 for the 1983-84 fiscal year. (Appropriations from the Highway Fund and appropriations from the General Fund for capital improvements and debt servicing are not included in this total.)

The appropriation from the General Fund for the operating expenses of the Judicial Department for 1983-84 was $106,182,188. As illustrated in the chart below, this General Fund appropriation for the Judicial Department comprised 2.8% of the General Fund appropriations for the operating expenses of all State agencies and departments.



JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

Appropriations from the State's general fund for operating expenses of the Judicial Department over the past five fiscal years are shown in the table below and in the graph at the top of the following page. For comparative purposes, appropriations from the general fund for operating expenses of all State agencies and departments (including the Judicial Department) for the last five fiscal years are also shown in the table below and in the second graph on the following page.

APPROPRIATIONS FROM GENERAL FUND FOR OPERATING EXPENSES

	Judicial Department		All State Agencies	
Fiscal Year	**Appropriation**	**% Increase over previous year**	**Appropriation**	**% Increase over previous year**
1979-1980	71,616,057	12.45	2,761,002,481	12.60
1980-1981	82,929,174	15.80	3,140,949,832	13.76
1981-1982	89,631,765	8.08	3,339,761,674	6.33
1982-1983	93,927,824	4.79	3,488,908,246	4.47
1983-1984	106,182,188	13.05	3,730,497,565	6.92
AVERAGE ANNUAL INCREASE, 1979-1984		10.83%		8.82%

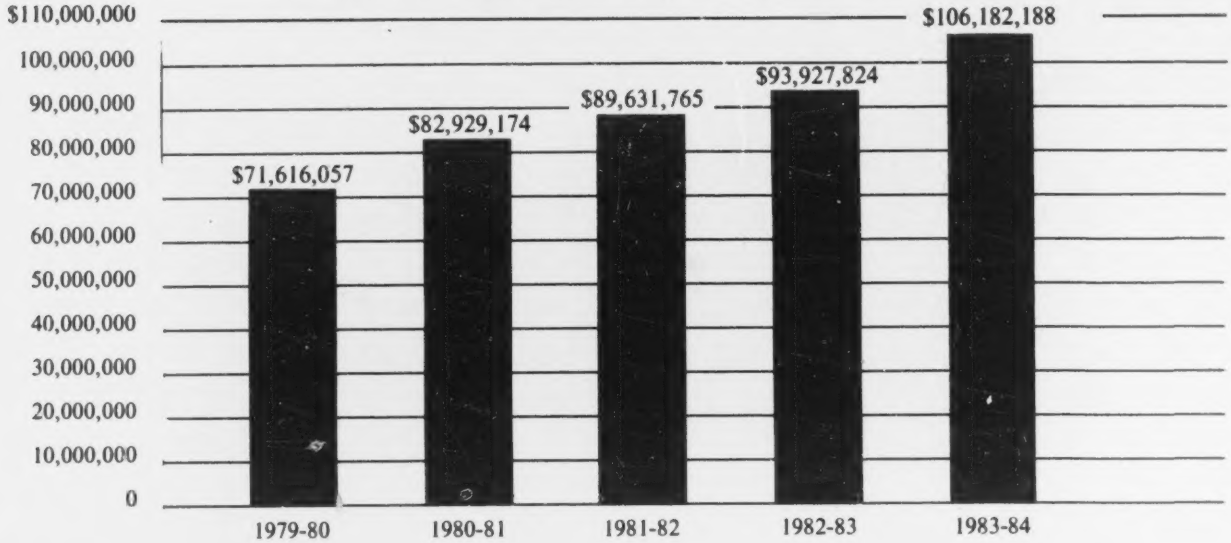
During the past decade, including the five-year period covered by the above table, inflation has been a significant factor in the national economy. For example, during 1979-80 according to Bureau of Labor Statistics data, the average person spent for goods and services more than twice the amount required for the same goods and services in 1967.

The greatest percentage increase in Judicial Department appropriations during the last five years was for the 1980-81 fiscal year. The increase for that year was due in large measure to a 10% pay increase for Judicial Branch personnel, with the same pay increase provided for personnel of all State government agencies.

Fiscal year 1982-83 shows the smallest percentage increase in Judicial Department appropriations during the five-year period. The decline in percentage increase that year was consistent with a similar decline for all state government agencies.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

General Fund Appropriations for Operating Expenses Of the Judicial Department, 1979-80 — 1983-84



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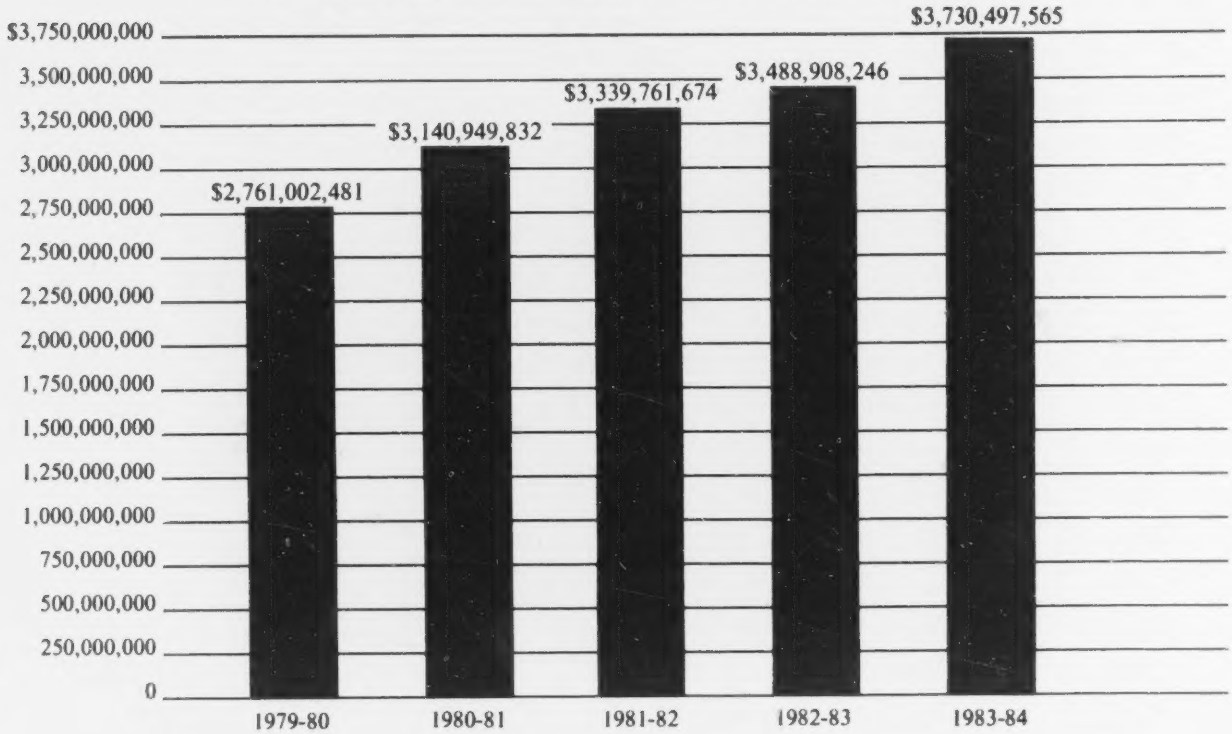


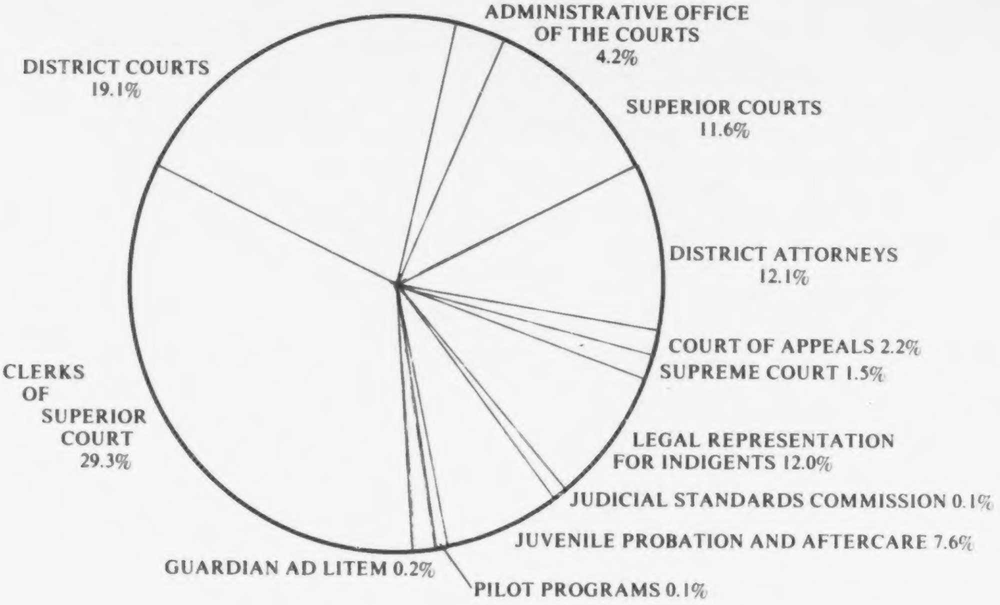
JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES
Expenditures July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984

General Fund expenditures for operating expenses of the Judicial Department during the 1983-84 fiscal year totalled $103,870,583, divided among the major budget classifications as shown below.

	Amount	% of Total
Supreme Court	$ 1,571,316	1.5
Court of Appeals	2,260,654	2.2
Superior Courts	12,061,852	11.6
District Courts	19,845,501	19.1
Clerks of Superior Court	30,479,493	29.3
Juvenile Probation and Aftercare	7,840,587	7.6
Representation for Indigents	12,673,701	12.2
Assigned private counsel $8,301,679		
Guardian *ad litem* for juveniles $704,603		
Guardian *ad litem*—volunteer and contract program $167,251		
Public defenders $2,531,928		
Special counsel at mental hospitals $167,336		
Support services (expert witness fees, professional examinations, transcripts) $450,684		
Appellate Defender Services $350,220		
District Attorney Offices	12,583,502	12.1
Office-District Attorney $12,540,083		
District Attorneys' Conference $43,419		
Administrative Office of the Courts	4,407,264	4.2
General Administration $2,214,386		
Information Services $1,944,624		
Warehouse & Printing $248,254		
Judicial Standards Commission	93,900	.1
Pilot Programs	52,813	.1
Custody Mediation Pilot $34,659		
Outpatient Commitment Pilot $1,587		
Indigency Screening Pilot $16,567		
TOTAL	**$103,870,583**	**100.0**

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

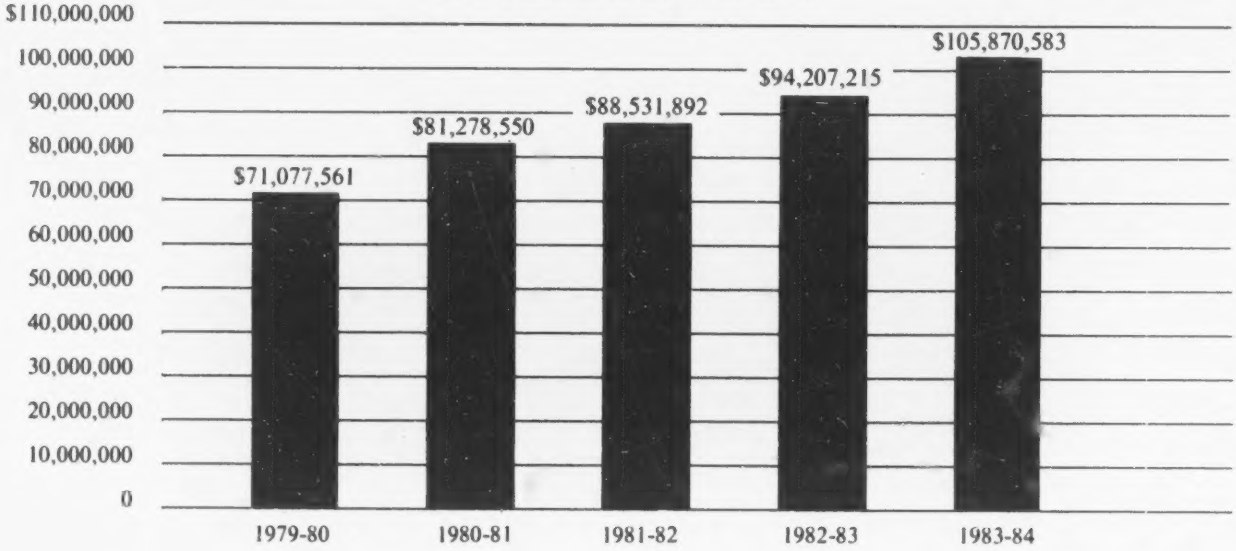
Expenditures, July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984



As the above chart illustrates, most (72%) of Judicial Department expenditures goes for operation of the State's trial courts: operation of superior courts took 11.6% of total expenditures; operation of the district courts (including magistrates, judges and court reports) took 19.1% of the total; the clerks' offices, 29.3 of the total; and district attorneys offices, 12.1% of total Judicial Department expenditures.

The total General Fund expenditures of $103,870,583 for 1983-84 represents a 10.3% increase over expenditures of $94,207,215 in 1982-83.

General Fund Expenditures For The Judicial Department
Fiscal Years 1979-80 — 1983-84



JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

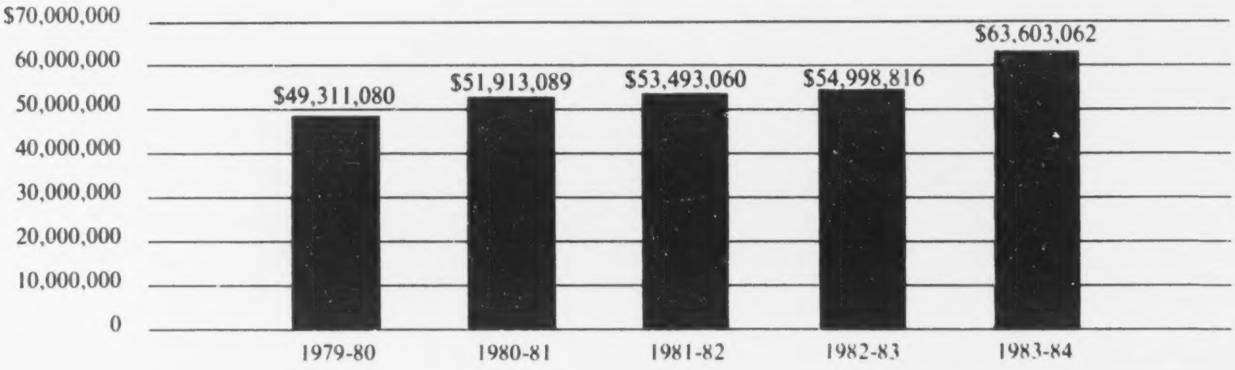
Department Receipts
July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984

Receipts for the Judicial Department in the 1983-84 fiscal year totalled $63,603,062. The several sources of these receipts are shown in the table below. As in the previous years, the major source of receipts is the assessment of "court costs" in superior and district courts, paid by litigants in accordance with the schedule of costs and fees set out in G.S. 7A-304 *et seq.*; these payments constituted 65.61% of the total receipts during 1983-84. Fines and forfeitures made up 31.14% of the total. Receipts in the remaining categories — Supreme Court and Court of Appeals filing fees, sales of Supreme Court and Court of Appeals *Reports* and payments on indigent representation judgements — made up less than three percent of the total.

Source of Receipts	**Amount**	**% of Total**
Supreme Court Fees	$ 11,536	.02
Court of Appeals Fees	36,586	.06
Superior and District Court Costs	41,731,911	65.61
Fines and Forfeitures	19,804,537	31.14
Sales of Appellate Division *Reports*	154,841	.24
Payments on Indigent Representation Judgements	1,241,413	1.95
Ten-Day License Revocation Fee	622,238	.98
Total	**$63,603,062**	**100.00**

This total of $63,603,062 is an increase of 15.6% over total 1982-83 receipts of $54,998,816. The graph below illustrates increases in recent years in total Judicial Department receipts.

Judicial Department Receipts, 1979-80 — 1983-84



JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

Distribution of Judicial Department Receipts (July 1, 1983-June 30, 1984)

As required by the State Constitution, fines, penalties and forfeitures collected by the courts in criminal cases are distributed to the respective counties in which the cases are tried. These funds must be used by the counties for the support of the public schools.

A uniform schedule of court costs for civil and criminal cases, comprised of a variety of fees, is set by statute for cases filed in the superior and district courts. Statutes prescribe the distribution of these fees and provide that certain fees shall be devoted to specific uses. For example, a facilties fee is included in court costs when costs are assessed, and this fee is paid over to the respective county or municipality which provided the facility used in the case. These fees must be utilized by the counties and municipalities to provide and maintain courtrooms and related judicial facilities.

Officer fees (for arrest or service of process) are included, where applicable, in the costs of each case filed in the trial courts. If a municipal officer performed these services in a case, the fee is paid over to the respective municipality. Otherwise, all officer fees are paid to the respective counties in which the cases are filed.

A jail fee is included in the costs of each case where applicable; and these fees are distributed to the respective county or municipality whose facilties were used. Most jail facilties in the State are provided by the counties.

A fee for the Law Enforcement Officers Benefit and Retirement Fund is included as a part of court costs when costs are assessed in a criminal case. As required by statute, the Judicial Department remits these fees to the State Treasurer, for deposit in the Law Enforcement Officers Benefit and Retirement Fund.

Except as indicated, all superior and district court costs collected by the Judicial Department are paid into the State's General Fund, as are appellate court fees and proceeds from the sales of appellate division reports.

When private counsel or a public defender is assigned to represent an indigent defendant in a criminal case the trial judge sets the money value for the services rendered. If the defendant is convicted, a judgment lien is entered against him for such amount. Collections on these judgments are paid into and retained by the department to defray the costs of legal representation of indigents. The Ten-Day License Revocation Fee is paid into and retained by the department to defray the costs of implementing the 1983 Safe Roads Act.

	Amount	% of Total
Remitted to State Treasurer		
Supreme Court Fees	$ 11,536	.02
Court of Appeals Fees	36,586	.06
Sales of Appellate Division Reports	154,841	.24
Law Enforcement Officers Benefit and Retirement Fund Fees	2,326,563	3.66
Other Superior and District Court Fees	28,384,258	44.63
Total to State Treasurer	**30,913,784**	**48.61**
Distributed to Counties		
Fines and Forfeitures	19,804,537	31.14
Judicial Facilities Fees	5,889,717	9.26
Officer Fees	2,972,783	4.67
Jail Fees	516,023	.81
Total to Counties	**29,183,060**	**45.88**
Distributed to Municipalities		
Judicial Facilities Fees	290,163	.46
Officer Fees	1,345,710	2.11
Jail Fees	6,694	.01
Total to Municipalities	**1,642,567**	**2.58**
Retained by Judicial Department		
Payments on Indigent Representation Judgements	1,241,413	1.95
Ten-day license Revocation Fees	622,238	.98
Total retained by Judicial Department	**1,863,651**	**2.93**
GRAND TOTAL	**$63,603,062**	**100.00**

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

Amounts of Fees, Fines and Forfeitures Collected by the Courts and Distributed to Counties and Municipalities*
July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984

	Distributed to Counties				Distributed to Municipalities			
	Facility Fees	Officer Fees	Jail Fees	Fines and Forfeitures	Facility Fees	Officer Fees	Jail Fees	Total
Alamance	$ 92,777	$ 50,068	$ 15,189	$ 327,476	$ -0-	$ 18,057	$ -0-	$ 503,566
Alexander	14,928	9,216	4,085	77,044	-0-	352	-0-	105,625
Alleghany	7,429	3,374	1,735	21,711	-0-	365	-0-	34,614
Anson	26,213	14,663	1,809	65,349	-0-	1,030	-0-	109,064
Ashe	16,012	13,179	1,785	65,455	-0-	144	-0-	96,575
Avery	11,847	9,044	1,219	60,501	-0-	88	-0-	82,699
Beaufort	44,464	35,039	5,746	130,902	155	6,510	-0-	222,816
Bertie	23,408	20,124	2,874	70,872	-0-	1,104	-0-	118,381
Bladen	36,117	31,368	1,096	121,211	1,320	1,100	-0-	192,212
Brunswick	32,467	17,574	4,055	189,247	2,490	1,928	-0-	247,761
Buncombe	167,422	95,906	7,167	593,888	-0-	45,708	-0-	910,091
Burke	69,406	36,940	2,562	213,665	-0-	7,574	-0-	330,147
Cabarrus	98,696	73,478	10,958	315,385	-0-	8,376	-0-	506,893
Caldwell	60,623	24,747	3,791	162,509	-0-	9,024	-0-	260,694
Camden	6,526	5,148	1,209	27,775	-0-	-0-	-0-	40,658
Carteret	56,373	29,244	2,378	216,066	-0-	11,301	-0-	315,362
Caswell	17,397	15,574	1,796	75,763	-0-	-0-	-0-	110,530
Catawba	44,741	31,054	5,560	260,824	54,665	25,872	1,419	424,135
Chatham	22,284	21,732	1,168	79,509	7,151	1,165	175	133,184
Cherokee	13,368	9,868	2,385	58,337	-0-	1,399	110	85,467
Chowan	14,545	8,522	807	59,418	-0-	3,354	-0-	86,646
Clay	4,017	2,716	520	18,644	-0-	-0-	-0-	25,897
Cleveland	64,731	26,439	5,037	192,522	-0-	9,641	-0-	298,370
Columbus	49,840	44,431	5,222	168,785	2,775	4,513	80	275,645
Craven	82,884	30,315	6,428	273,431	-0-	19,650	-0-	412,708
Cumberland	258,549	95,895	29,035	1,048,991	-0-	49,287	-0-	1,481,757
Currituck	14,962	12,001	1,380	75,135	-0-	-0-	-0-	103,478
Dare	37,051	20,930	2,926	255,494	-0-	2,772	-0-	324,173
Davidson	81,081	64,322	6,484	294,403	11,426	6,352	-0-	464,068
Davie	21,610	15,234	776	61,493	-0-	1,030	-0-	100,143
Duplin	36,127	19,771	2,933	153.782	-0-	696	405	213,714
Durham	228,076	57,358	3,187	409,039	-0-	90,293	-0-	787,952
Edgecombe	36,651	46,419	7,512	113,149	26,836	11,904	395	242,866
Forsyth	282,895	36,741	16,219	756,376	3,361	122,037	-0-	1,217,629
Franklin	23,237	13,754	6,160	93,386	-0-	458	70	137,155
Gaston	125,522	85,020	14,532	435,468	-0-	13,906	-0-	674,448
Gates	8,290	5,771	665	40,999	-0-	-0-	-0-	55,725
Graham	4,607	3,616	1,185	44,709	-0-	48	-0-	54,165
Granville	34,511	16,128	3,747	124,912	-0-	4,975	185	184,458
Greene	12,194	9,444	1,241	39,844	-0-	-0-	-0-	62,723
Guilford	386,899	64,186	18,342	898,705	-0-	157,690	-0-	1,525,822
Halifax	59,894	43,847	10,200	217,825	7,788	15,861	349	355,764
Harnett	39,903	28,673	6,916	140,046	8,299	3,572	335	227,744
Haywood	40,373	29,598	3,040	179,819	395	2,344	10	255,579
Henderson	50,754	28,252	7,293	198,419	500	4,278	-0-	289,496
Hertford	28,656	19,558	4,055	82,116	-0-	1,626	-0-	136,010
Hoke	22,840	14,256	3,499	98,289	-0-	1,568	-0-	140,451
Hyde	7,722	5,999	780	34,159	-0-	-0-	-0-	48,660
Iredell	57,697	30,157	4,150	249,498	12,386	10,671	321	364,881
Jackson	18,290	13,384	1,994	63,667	-0-	-0-	-0-	97,336

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Amounts of Fees, Fines and Forfeitures Collected by the Courts and Distributed to Counties and Municipalities*

July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984

	Distributed to Counties				Distributed to Municipalities			
	Facility Fees	Officer Fees	Jail Fees	Fines and Forfeitures	Facility Fees	Officer Fees	Jail Fees	Total
Johnston	59,603	45,021	12,796	280,599	11,405	5,410	270	415,104
Jones	8,881	5,990	665	29,088	-0-	456	-0-	45,080
Lee	51,551	27,498	13,032	165,659	-0-	9,932	-0-	267,672
Lenoir	66,835	27,201	6,537	211,182	378	11,976	-0-	324,108
Lincoln	30,652	19,628	642	78,175	-0-	1,780	-0-	130,877
Macon	$ 17,990	13,908	1,309	74,859	-0-	328	-0-	108,395
Madison	9,606	7,404	15	30,321	-0-	40	-0-	47,386
Martin	226,983	19,845	2,258	74,964	-0-	2,144	35	126,229
McDowell	31,356	20,784	1,609	123,671	-0-	1,764	-0-	179,184
Mecklenburg	527,284	207,575	5	1,321,971	-0-	168,984	-0-	2,225,819
Mitchell	7,374	5,534	785	34,833	-0-	452	-0-	48,978
Montgomery	33,300	29,186	2,000	76,139	-0-	1,520	-0-	142,145
Moore	56,446	38,773	2,684	218,382	3,902	7,652	105	327,944
Nash	49,174	55,017	11,505	200,646	37,498	15,987	956	370,782
New Hanover	124,975	40,960	11,377	447,531	-0-	26,643	5	651,491
Northampton	25,847	21,805	3,305	112,907	-0-	1,290	-0-	165,154
Onslow	105,889	56,118	21,484	378,654	-0-	31,479	-0-	593,623
Orange	40,017	29,524	3,209	203,843	24,747	15,718	235	317,292
Pamlico	7,014	5,666	382	19,936	-0-	4	-0-	33,002
Pasquotank	26,723	12,258	4,399	123,464	-0-	8,491	-0-	175,336
Pender	23,972	15,992	3,226	104,652	-0-	704	-0-	148,545
Perquimans	9,435	6,301	735	30,453	-0-	1,139	-0-	48,063
Person	25,458	18,808	1,901	85,408	-0-	2,581	-0-	134,156
Pitt	89,976	32,466	5,777	272,949	6,903	27,420	530	436,021
Polk	11,836	9,095	1,723	89,103	-0-	456	-0-	112,213
Randolph	69,871	58,755	2,825	210,947	2,155	8,636	-0-	353,189
Richmond	36,911	23,820	3,701	121,105	-0-	2,848	-0-	188,385
Robeson	96,172	62,120	13,894	476,886	30,669	21,831	449	702,020
Rockingham	61,709	37,690	8,341	285,199	21,701	19,498	10	434,148
Rowan	85,302	52,898	11,881	276,552	-0-	20,121	-0-	446,755
Rutherford	45,590	24,622	6,659	159,004	-0-	8,282	-0-	244,157
Sampson	55,902	42,100	7,184	169,502	-0-	1,612	-0-	276,301
Scotland	40,180	29,167	4,854	140,346	-0-	5,316	-0-	219,862
Stanly	42,393	14,601	3,434	176,554	-0-	5,488	-0-	242,471
Stokes	22,268	12,989	3,726	70,873	-0-	680	-0-	110,536
Surry	56,238	46,409	3,344	168,240	1,254	5,596	85	281,167
Swain	7,288	4,880	5,047	29,802	-0-	472	-0-	47,489
Transylvania	17,826	13,988	5,278	80,959	-0-	2,414	-0-	120,465
Tyrrell	4,657	3,071	520	14,306	-0-	-0-	-0-	22,554
Union	52,765	37,068	6,848	327,481	-0-	7,000	-0-	431,162
Vance	42,640	21,414	4,730	139,829	-0-	5,356	-0-	213,969
Wake	391,811	88,546	27,965	1,210,715	7,570	164,928	45	1,891,580
Warren	17,008	13,304	1,036	54,228	-0-	474	-0-	86,050
Washington	11,163	8,926	1,207	31,050	-0-	778	-0-	53,124
Watauga	28,242	20,324	4,611	121,808	-0-	2,566	-0-	177,551
Wayne	83,008	44,742	3,576	268,229	2,435	17,972	115	420,077
Wilkes	55,662	30,840	5,453	224,368	-0-	1,466	-0-	317,789
Wilson	62,018	39,921	5,038	135,293	-0-	12,248	-0-	254,518
Yadkin	28,586	21,419	5,177	144,679	-0-	506	-0-	200,367
Yancey	9,336	6,735	1,505	21,183	-0-	648	-0-	39,407
State Totals	**5,889,717**	**2,972,783**	**516,023**	**19,804,537**	**290,163**	**1,345,710**	**6,694**	**30,825,626**

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Cost and Case Data on Representation of Indigents
July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984

The State provides legal counsel for indigent persons in a variety of actions and proceedings, as specified in the North Carolina General Statutes, Sections 7A-450 *et seq.* These include criminal proceedings, judicial hospitalization proceedings, juvenile proceedings which may result in commitment to an institution or transfer to superior court for trial as an adult. Legal representation for indigents may be by assignment of private counsel, by assignment of special public counsel (involving mental hospital commitments), or by assignment of a public defender.

Seven of North Carolina's judicial districts have an office of public defender: Districts 3, 12, 15B, 18, 26, 27A, and 28. The other 27 districts utilize only assignments of private counsel. Private counsel may also be assigned in the seven districts which have a public defender in the event of a conflict of interests involving the public defender's office and the indigent and in the event of unusual circumstances when, in the opinion of the court, the proper administration of justice requires the assignment of private counsel rather than the public defender in those cases.

The Appellate Defender Office began operation as a State-funded program on October 1, 1981. (Prior to October 1, 1981, appellate defender services were funded by a one-year federal grant.) Pursuant to assignments made by trial court judges, it is the responsibility of the Appellate Defender and his staff to provide criminal defense appellate services to indigent persons who are appealing their convictions to either the Supreme Court or the Court of Appeals. The Appellate Defender is under the general supervision of the Chief Justice. The Chief Justice may, consistent with the resources available to the Appellate Defender and to insure quality criminal defense services, authorize certain appeals to be assigned to a local public defender office or to private assigned counsel instead of to the Appellate Defender. The case and cost data reported below reflect the activity of this office in both the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1984.

In addition, the State provides a full-time special counsel at each of the State's four mental hospitals, to represent patients in commitment or recommitment hearings before a district court judge. Under North Carolina law, each patient committed to a mental hospital is entitled to a judicial hearing (before a district court judge) within 90 days after the initial commitment, a further hearing within 180 days after the initial commitment, and thereafter a hearing once each year during the continuance of an involuntary commitment.

Finally, the State provides a guardian *ad litem* for children alleged to be neglected in juvenile petitions unless the court finds that the child is not in need of and cannot benefit from such representation.

The cost of all programs of indigent representation, rounded to the nearest dollar, was $12,673,701 in the 1983-84 fiscal year, compared to $12,284,119 in the 1982-83 fiscal year, an increase of 3.2%. The total amount expended for these activities was 12.2% of total Judicial Department expenditures in the 1983-84 fiscal year.

Following is a summary of case and cost data for representation of indigents for the fiscal year, July 1, 1983 through June 30, 1984.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

Cost and Case Data on Representation of Indigents
July 1, 1983-June 30, 1984

	Number of Cases	Total Cost	Average Per Case
Assigned Private Counsel			
Capital offense cases	366	$ 782,633	$2,138
Adult cases (other than capital)	35,120	6,992,648	199
Juvenile cases	5,365	526,398	98
Totals	**40,851**	**$ 8,301,679**	**$ 203**
Guardian *ad litem* for juveniles	**4,977**	**704,603**	**142**
Guardian *ad litem*-volunteer and contract program		**167,251**	
Public Defender Offices			
District 3*	1,156	$ 242,466	$ 210
District 12	2,798	476,501	170
District 15B	354	145,932	412
District 18	2,981	549,084	184
District 26	6,362	609,894	96
District 27A	1,769	286,374	162
District 28	1,409	221,677	157
Totals	**16,829**	**$ 2,531,928**	**$ 150**
Appellate Defender Office	**207**	**$ 350,220**	**$1,692**
Special Counsel at mental hospitals		**$ 167,336**	
Transcripts, records and briefs		**367,439**	
Professional examinations		**42,894**	
Expert witness fees		**40,351**	
GRAND TOTAL		**$12,673,701**	

*For only Pitt and Carteret counties in District 3.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

Special Counsel at Mental Hospitals

The total cost of providing special counsel at each of the State's four mental hospitals, to represent patients in commitment or recommitment hearings, was $167,336 for the 1983-84 fiscal year. There were a total of 9,448 hearings held during the year, for an average cost per hearing of $17.71 for the special counsel service.

The following table presents data on the hearings held at each of the mental hospitals in 1983-84. The total number of hearings in 1983-84 was 1,447 less than the number held in 1982-83, for a 13.3% decrease in number of hearings held during the year.

	Broughton	Cherry	Dorothea Dix	John Umstead	Totals
Initial Hearings resulting in:					
Commitment to hospital	802	1,060	653	1,167	3,682
Commitment to outpatient clinic	271	225	11	81	588
Discharge	909	492	427	604	2,432
Totals	**1,982**	**1,777**	**1,091**	**1,852**	**6,702**
First Rehearings resulting in:					
Commitment to hospital	107	253	160	343	863
Commitment to outpatient clinic	32	4	4	9	49
Discharge	93	138	34	158	423
Totals	**232**	**395**	**198**	**510**	**1,335**
Second or Subsequent Rehearings resulting in:					
Commitment to hospital	161	310	280	485	1,236
Commitment to outpatient clinic	4	0	1	5	10
Discharge	25	8	17	56	106
Totals	**190**	**318**	**298**	**546**	**1,352**
Modification of Prior Order Hearings resulting in:					
Commitment to hospital	2	13	0	4	19
Commitment to outpatient clinic	20	3	12	0	35
Discharge	2	3	0	0	5
Totals	**24**	**19**	**12**	**4**	**59**
Total Hearings or Rehearings resulting in:					
Commitment to hospital	1,072	1,636	1,093	1,999	5,800
Commitment to outpatient clinic	327	232	28	95	682
Discharge	1,029	641	478	818	2,966
Grand Totals	**2,428**	**2,509**	**1,599**	**2,912**	**9,448**

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

Assigned Counsel and Guardian Ad Litem
Number of Cases and Expenditures
Fiscal Year 1983-84

	Assigned Counsel		**Guardian Ad Litem**	
	Number of Cases	**Expenditures**	**Number of Cases**	**Expenditures**
District 1				
Camden	22	$5,877	6	$832
Chowan	82	15,712	8	821
Currituck	52	12,447	13	2,301
Dare	109	33,453	10	1,640
Gates	27	9,369	1	40
Pasquotank	251	51,448	23	2,125
Perquimans	47	7,330	8	1,103
District Totals	**590**	**135,635**	**69**	**8,861**
District 2				
Beaufort	275	63,709	36	3,277
Hyde	64	17,303	8	680
Martin	157	43,871	14	775
Tyrrell	39	12,503	—	—
Washington	94	18,189	18	1,125
District Totals	**629**	**155,576**	**76**	**5,857**
District 3				
Carteret	44	10,962	28	2,431
Craven	534	130,345	67	7,555
Pamlico	24	3,485	3	575
Pitt	146	76,840	30	5,065
District Totals	**748**	**221,631**	**128**	**15,625**
District 4				
Duplin	231	71,842	24	2,775
Jones	40	9,770	1	150
Onslow	537	163,487	153	13,236
Sampson	290	91,736	65	6,550
District Totals	**1,098**	**336,835**	**243**	**22,711**
District 5				
New Hanover	767	244,477	52	9,336
Pender	91	19,053	12	1,542
District Totals	**858**	**263,530**	**64**	**10,878**
District 6				
Bertie	157	41,229	34	2,525
Halifax	509	111,847	43	4,950
Hertford	233	50,346	73	4,935
Northampton	151	50,491	36	2,972
District Totals	**1,050**	**253,914**	**186**	**15,382**
District 7				
Edgecombe	580	119,451	23	4,175
Nash	484	108,647	30	4,500
Wilson	699	149,844	21	2,615
District Totals	**1,763**	**377,942**	**74**	**11,290**

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

Assigned Counsel and Guardian Ad Litem
Number of Cases and Expenditures
Fiscal Year 1983-84

	Assigned Counsel		Guardian Ad Litem	
	Number of Cases	Expenditures	Number of Cases	Expenditures
District 8				
Greene	103	$ 19,206	5	$ 734
Lenoir	739	128,348	45	15,976
Wayne	958	162,700	39	6,947
District Totals	**1,800**	**310,254**	**89**	**23,657**
District 9				
Franklin	237	41,655	7	1,425
Granville	353	61,089	16	2,716
Person	212	43,872	30	5,265
Vance	490	104,727	12	2,300
Warren	117	23,586	7	1,573
District Totals	**1,409**	**274,930**	**72**	**13,279**
District 10				
Wake	**2,682**	**541,178**	**240**	**54,167**
District 11				
Harnett	347	54,475	61	8,985
Johnston	651	78,202	26	4,265
Lee	345	45,310	21	2,433
District Totals	**1,343**	**177,987**	**108**	**15,683**
District 12				
Cumberland	136	51,186	188	11,135
Hoke	8	4,388	14	1,611
District Totals	**144**	**55,574**	**202**	**12,746**
District 13				
Bladen	357	66,555	14	2,100
Brunswick	310	74,776	18	1,905
Columbus	541	111,952	57	8,035
District Totals	**1,208**	**253,283**	**89**	**12,040**
District 14				
Durham	**2,712**	**460,292**	**201**	**40,208**
District 15A				
Alamance	**795**	**200,558**	**40**	**6,307**
District 15B				
Chatham	56	11,954	25	5,050
Orange	271	58,451	68	9,265
District Totals	**327**	**70,405**	**93**	**14,315**
District 16				
Robeson	1,134	208,963	180	8,981
Scotland	465	74,893	36	3,275
District Totals	**1,599**	**283,855**	**216**	**12,256**

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

Assigned Counsel and Guardian Ad Litem
Number of Cases and Expenditures
Fiscal Year 1983-84

	Assigned Counsel		Guardian Ad Litem	
	Number of Cases	Expenditures	Number of Cases	Expenditures
District 17A				
Caswell	84	$ 19,353	9	$ 1,670
Rockingham	784	124,935	14	1,450
District Totals	**868**	**144,288**	**33**	**3,120**
District 17B				
Stokes	153	31,501	3	400
Surry	578	149,848	54	4,150
District Totals	**731**	**181,349**	**57**	**4,550**
District 18				
Guilford	**376**	**166,438**	**260**	**37,509**
District 19A				
Cabarrus	705	151,855	62	8,619
Rowan	1,057	161,865	88	12,510
District Totals	**1,762**	**313,720**	**150**	**21,129**
District 19B				
Montgomery	209	59,981	14	2,485
Randolph	523	86,015	78	8,719
District Totals	**732**	**145,996**	**92**	**11,204**
District 20				
Anson	361	50,584	10	725
Moore	588	83,897	73	6,225
Richmond	713	106,562	57	4,980
Stanly	372	67,966	46	4,678
Union	541	90,778	175	17,384
District Totals	**2,575**	**399,787**	**361**	**33,992**
District 21				
Forsyth	**3,049**	**448,762**	**217**	**26,364**
District 22				
Alexander	174	29,497	21	2,823
Davidson	704	155,379	115	16,492
Davie	113	24,882	28	3,375
Iredell	650	30,540	63	8,915
District Totals	**1,641**	**340,297**	**227**	**31,605**
District 23				
Alleghany	48	4,925	3	450
Ashe	120	14,435	24	1,815
Wilkes	441	47,562	57	3,700
Yadkin	144	16,828	24	1,900
District Totals	**753**	**83,750**	**108**	**7,865**

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

Assigned Counsel and Guardian Ad Litem
Number of Cases and Expenditures
Fiscal Year 1982-83

	Assigned Counsel		Guardian Ad Litem	
	Number of Cases	Expenditures	Number of Cases	Expenditures
District 24				
Avery	120	29,987	19	4,001
Madison	78	20,218	23	4,305
Mitchell	49	9,472	16	1,370
Watauga	190	54,011	9	2,600
Yancey	29	5,191	9	2,341
District Totals	**466**	**118,879**	**76**	**14,617**
District 25				
Burke	546	$ 107,044	57	$ 11,125
Caldwell	599	111,127	37	5,890
Catawba	817	178,577	65	9,535
District Totals	**1,962**	**396,749**	**159**	**26,550**
District 26				
Mecklenburg	**2,095**	**578,863**	**417**	**121,103**
District 27A				
Gaston	**119**	**26,528**	**87**	**9,810**
District 27B				
Cleveland	466	97,781	50	6,162
Lincoln	213	48,946	18	1,975
District Totals	**679**	**146,727**	**68**	**8,137**
District 28				
Buncombe	**344**	**56,446**	**180**	**12,349**
District 29				
Henderson	367	72,454	55	7,375
McDowell	247	42,915	29	9,022
Polk	82	13,931	2	300
Rutherford	292	77,342	39	4,150
Transylvania	91	16,248	22	3,857
District Totals	**1,079**	**222,889**	**147**	**24,704**
District 30				
Cherokee	107	25,791	24	3,294
Clay	17	4,899	4	999
Graham	30	9,104	6	532
Haywood	224	60,899	35	2,291
Jackson	81	12,856	42	2,342
Macon	338	33,249	12	2,537
Swain	68	10,035	25	2,740
District Totals	**865**	**156,832**	**148**	**14,735**
STATE TOTALS	**40,851**	**$8,301,678**	**4,977**	**$704,603**

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL
(Positions and salaries authorized as of June 30, 1984)

Positions Authorized		Salary Ranges
	SUPREME COURT	
7	Justices	$59,868-67,008
23	Staff personnel (Clerk's and Reporter's offices, law clerks, library staff)	$12,612-43,836
7	Secretarial personnel	$17,136-$17,928
	COURT OF APPEALS	
12	Judges	$56,676-$57,948
29	Staff personnel (Clerk's office, prehearing staff, Judicial Standards Commission staff, law clerks)	$12,612-$36,744
18	Secretarial personnel	$14,964-$17,136
	SUPERIOR COURT	
68	Judges	$50,328-$51,984
74	Staff personnel	$15,660-$31,380
44	Secretarial personnel	$ 9,732-$17,928
	DISTRICT COURT	
142	Judges	$40,752-$42,372
614	Magistrates	$10,440-$16,152
33	Staff personnel	$11,052-$16,392
7	Secretarial personnel	$ 9,732-$16,392
	DISTRICT ATTORNEYS	
35	District Attorneys	$46,812
264	Staff personnel	$12,612-$45,000
85	Secretarial personnel	$ 9,732-$16,392
	CLERKS OF SUPERIOR COURT	
100	Clerks of Superior Court	$21,024-$41,388
1,452	Staff personnel	$ 8,916-$27,216
7	Secretarial personnel	$11,556-$14,340
	INDIGENT REPRESENTATION	
7	Public Defenders	$46,812
60	Staff personnel	$13,164-$42,000
20	Secretarial personnel	$ 9,732-$16,392
4	Special counsel at mental hospitals	$18,900-$23,616
4	Secretarial personnel	$ 9,732-$14,340
	JUVENILE PROBATION AND AFTERCARE	
272	Court counselors	$13,164-$29,928
52	Secretarial personnel	$ 9,732-$14,340
	ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS	
1	Administrative Officer of the Courts	$53,496
1	Assistant Director	$44,820
117	Staff personnel	$10,824-$48,180

PART IV

TRIAL COURTS CASEFLOW DATA

- **Superior Court Division**
- **District Court Division**

TRIAL COURTS CASE DATA

This part of the *Annual Report* presents pertinent data on a district-by-district and county-by-county basis. For ease of reference, this part is divided into a superior court division section and a district court division section.

The data within the two sections generally parallel each other in terms of organization, with each section subdivided into civil and criminal case categories. With some exceptions, there are three basic data tables for each case category: a caseload inventory (filings, dispositions and pending) table; a table on the manner of dispositions; and a table on ages of cases disposed of during the year and ages of cases pending at the end of the year. Pending and age data are not provided for district court motor vehicle criminal cases, for civil cases (small claims) referred to magistrates, and for juvenile cases, inasmuch as these categories of cases are not reported by case file number.

The caseload inventory tables provide a statistical picture of caseflow during the 1983-84 year. Items recorded in this table include the number of cases pending at the beginning of the year, the number of new cases filed, the number of cases disposed of during the year, and the number of cases left pending at the end of the year. The caseload inventory also shows the total caseload (the number pending at the beginning of the year plus the number filed during the year) and the percentage of the caseload which was disposed of during the year.

The aging tables show the ages of the cases pending on June 30, 1984 as well as the ages of the cases disposed of during 1983-84. These tables also show both mean (average) and median ages for each set of cases—those pending at the end of the year and those that were disposed of during the year. The median age of a group of cases is, by definition, the age of a hypothetical case which is older than 50% of the total set of cases and younger than the other 50%.

Unlike the median, the mean age can be substantially raised (or lowered) if even a small number of very old (or very young) cases are included. For example, if only a single two-year old case was included among ten cases aged three months, the median age would be 90 days and the mean (average) age would be 148.2 days. A substantial difference between the median and average ages, therefore, indicates the presence of a number of rather long-pending, or short-pending, cases.

Separate summary tables at the end of Part IV show the comparative rankings, for the 1983-84 year, in terms of percentage of disposition of caseloads for the 34 judicial districts and the 100 counties.

The case statistics in Part IV have been calculated from filing and disposition case data submitted to the Administrative Office of the Courts by the 100 clerks of superior court across the State. The present case reporting system is primarily a manual one: weekly reports from each clerk's office are mailed to Raleigh, where they are computer-coded, entered and processed. Pending case information is computer-calculated from the filing and disposition data. The accuracy of the pending case figures is, of course, dependent upon timely and accurate filing and disposition data.

Periodic comparisons by clerk personnel of their actual pending case files against AOC's computer-produced pending case lists, followed by indicated corrections, is necessary to maintain completely accurate data in the AOC computer file. Yet, staff resource in the clerks' offices is not sufficient to make such physical inventory checks as frequently and as completely as would be necessary to maintain full accuracy in AOC's computer files. Thus, it is recognized that some of the figures published in the following tables have errors of some degree.

Another accuracy-related problem inherent in a manual reporting system is the lack of absolute consistency in the published year-end and year-beginning pending figures. The number of cases pending at the end of a reporting year should ideally be identical with the number of published pending cases at the *beginning* of the next reporting year. In reality, this is rarely the case. Experience has shown that inevitably some filings and dispositions which occurred in the preceding year do not get reported until the subsequent year. The later-reported data is regarded as being more complete reporting and is used, thereby producing some differences between the prior year's end-pending figures and the current year's beginning-pending figures.

Notwithstanding the indicated limitations in the data reporting and data-processing system, it is believed that the published figures are sufficiently adequate to fully justify their use. In any event, the published figures are the best and most accurate data currently available.

PART IV, Section 1

Superior Court Division

Caseflow Data

The Superior Court Division

This section contains data tables and accompanying charts depicting the caseflow during the 1983-84 year of cases pending, filed, and disposed of in the State's superior courts; that is, cases before superior court judges. Data is also presented on cases pending, filed and disposed of before the 100 clerks of superior court, who have original jurisdiction over estate cases and special proceedings.

There are, for statistical reporting purposes, three categories of cases filed in the superior courts: civil cases, felony cases which are within the original jurisdiction of the superior courts, and misdemeanor appeals from the district courts to superior courts, for trial *de novo*.

During 1983-84, as the bar graph on the following page illustrates, felony cases contributed the greatest proportion of all case filings (52.3%), misdemeanor appeals the second greatest proportion of all case filings (32.2%), with civil cases amounting to 15.5% of total case filings in the superior courts. There were decreases in case filings during 1983-84 in all three case categories, compared with filings during the previous year. While such across-the-board decreases in superior court case filings have not occurred in several years, it seems unlikely that this is indicative of any future trend over a period of years. The long-range future trend seems likely to reflect an increase in case filings generally notwithstanding an occasional year-to-year decrease in case filings.

As in previous years, a typical superior court civil case takes considerably longer to dispose of than the typical criminal case. Data presented in the following bar graphs, as well as in the following tables covering the ages of superior court cases, clearly supports the longer disposition period conclusion regarding civil cases. The median age of superior court civil cases pending on July 30, 1984 was 271 days. Similar data, covering pending cases in the felony and misdemeanor case categories, shows median ages of 80 and 78 days, respectively.

For superior court civil case dispositions in 1983-84, the median case age at disposition was 313 days, compared to 80 days for felony cases at disposition and 65 days for misdemeanor cases at disposition.

Comparing this median-age data with the same information for 1982-83, it is seen that the median age of pending civil cases increased from 164 days as of June 30, 1983 to 271 days as of June 30, 1984; and the median age for civil cases at disposition increased from 302 days in 1982-83 to 313 days in 1983-84.

The 1983-84 aging data for pending cases in the two criminal case categories show increases from the median ages reported for 1982-83. The median age of pending felony cases increased from 80 days as of June 30, 1983 to 89 days as of June 30, 1984, and an increase was recorded in the median age of pending misdemeanor cases, from 66 days as of June 30, 1983 to 78 days as of June 30, 1984. The median age of felony cases at disposition dropped during the past fiscal year from 81 days in 1982-83 to 80 days in 1983-84. The median age of misdemeanor cases at disposition also dropped, from 66 days in 1982-83 to 65 days in 1983-84.

These differences in the median ages of cases disposed of or still pending in superior courts can be attributed in part to the priority given criminal cases. The right of a criminal case defendant to a "speedy trial" is guaranteed in both the United States and North Carolina Constitutions; and current North Carolina statutes (G.S. 15A-701 *et seq.*) prescribe that cases must be tried within 120 days of filing unless there has been justifiable delay for one or more of the reasons set out in the statutes. No comparable *statutory* standard for the speedy disposition of civil cases has been adopted in North Carolina, although the North Carolina Constitution does provide that "right and justice shall be administered without favor, denial, or delay" in the section declaring every person's right to legal remedy for "injury in his lands, goods, person or reputation." (Article 1, Section 18, N.C. Constitution)

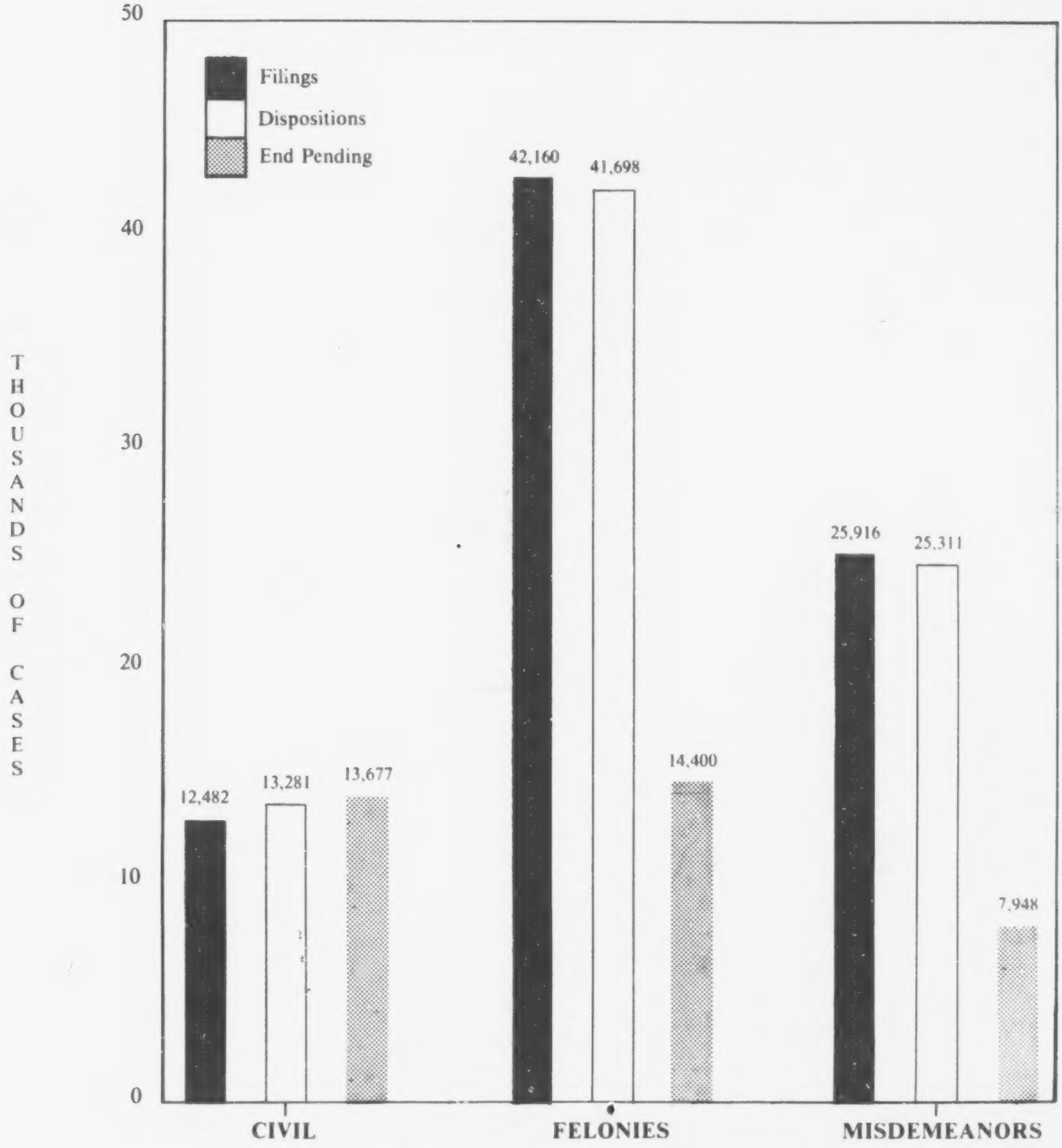
During 1983-84, a Statewide total of 80,558 cases of all types were filed in the superior courts. This was a decrease of 4,930 (5.8%) from 1982-83 case filings of 85,488.

As for the manner of dispositions, it is noteworthy that jury trials in superior court continue to be responsible for a low percentage of case dispositions: 910 civil cases (6.9% out of a total of 13,281; 1,126 felony cases (5.7%) out of a total of 41,698; and 1,126 misdemeanor cases (4.4%) out of a total of 25,311 misdemeanor dispositions.

The data tables also show that pleas of guilty were entered in a majority (55.5%) of criminal case dispositions in the superior courts during 1983-84.

SUPERIOR COURT CASELOAD

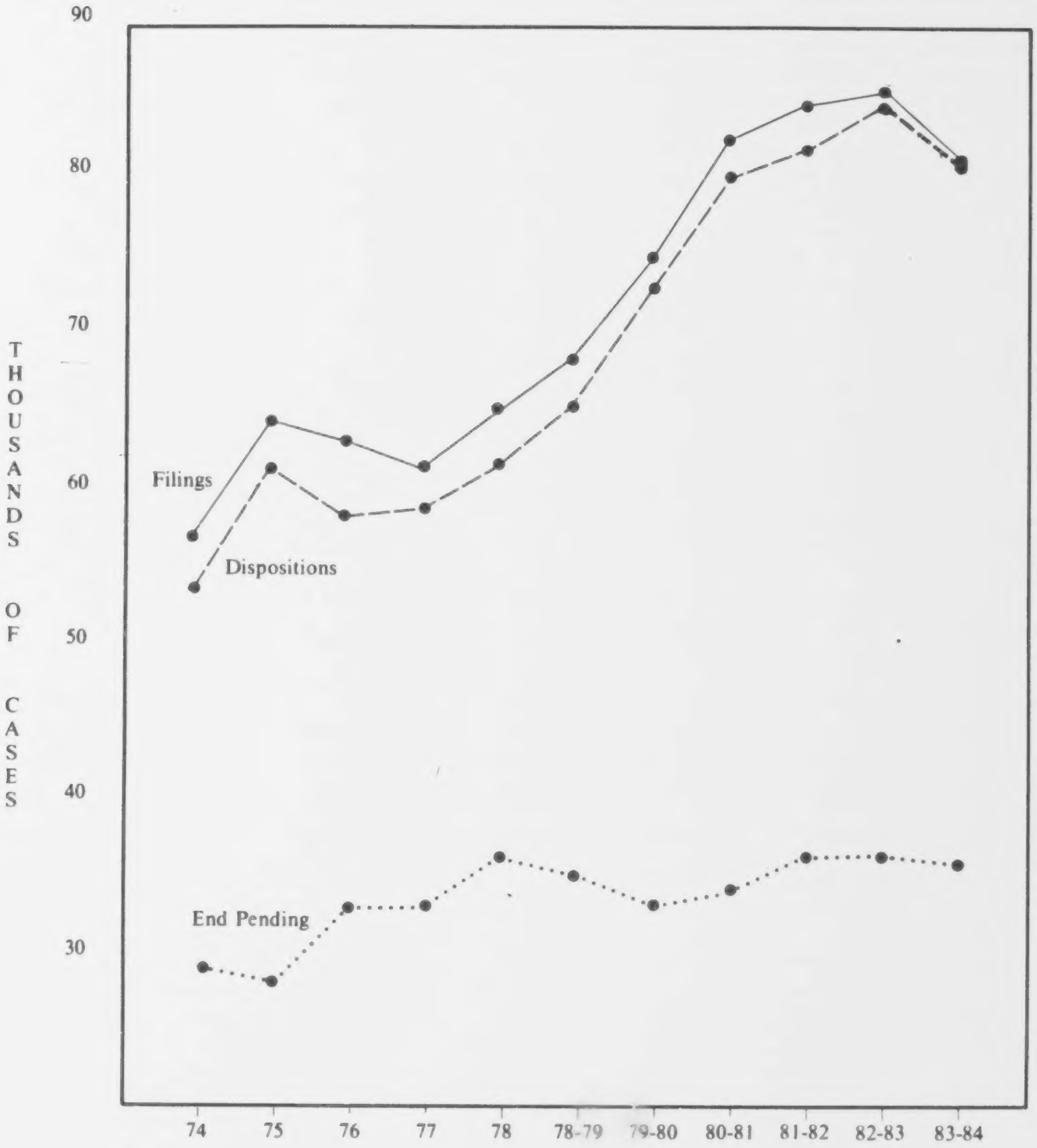
1983-84



For the third straight year, civil case dispositions outnumbered filings in superior court; dispositions exceeded filings by 6.4% during 1983-84. Felony case filings in 1983-84 decreased by 3.5% from the 1982-83 filings while felony dispositions in 1983-84 decreased 3.0% from the 1982-83 period. Filings of misdemeanor appeals in 1983-84 declined by 7.1% and dispositions of misdemeanor appeals decreased by 6.8%.

CASELOAD TRENDS IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

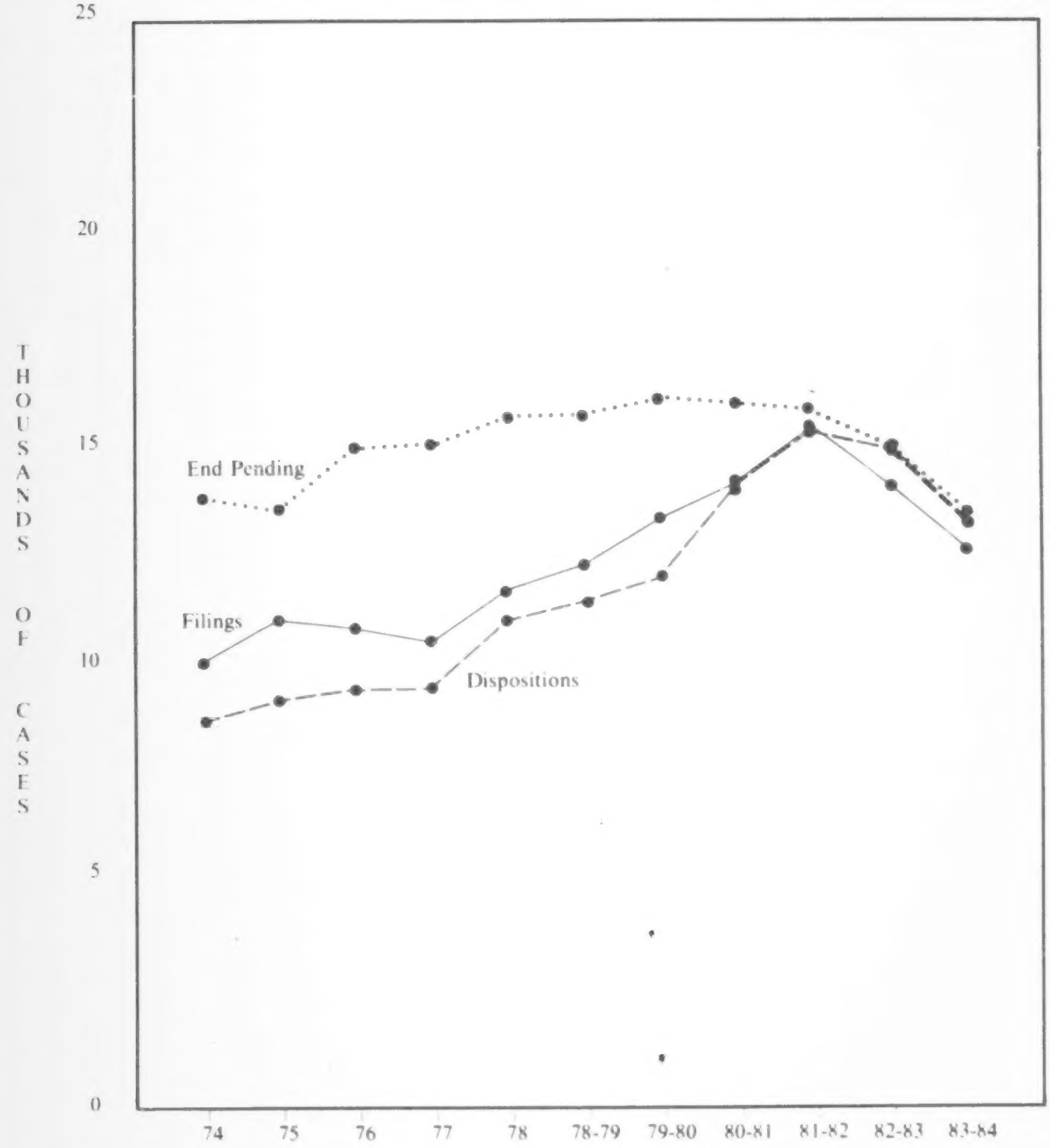
1974 Through 1983-84



Filings and dispositions decreased in all areas of the superior court case load during the 1983-84 fiscal year. Civil dispositions fell by 9.5%, felony dispositions decreased by 3.0%, and misdemeanor appeals declined by 6.8%. This decrease, the first since 1977, is attributable to a 10.2% decrease in civil filings, 3.6% decrease in felony filings and 7.1% decrease in misdemeanor appeals.

CASELOAD TRENDS OF CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

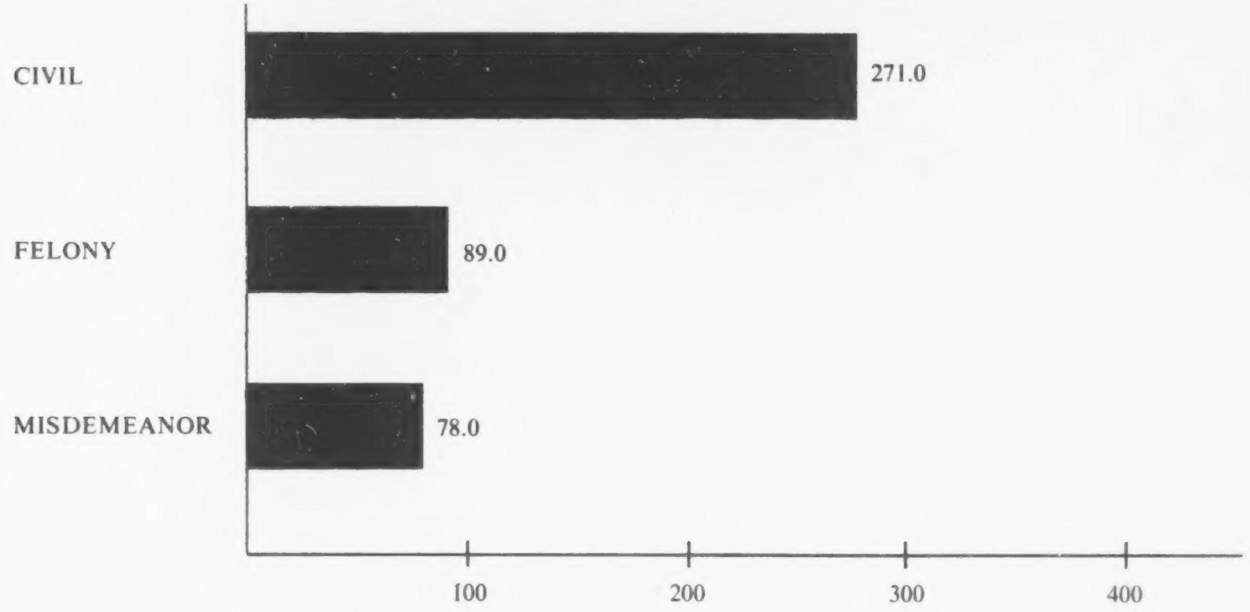
1974-1983-84



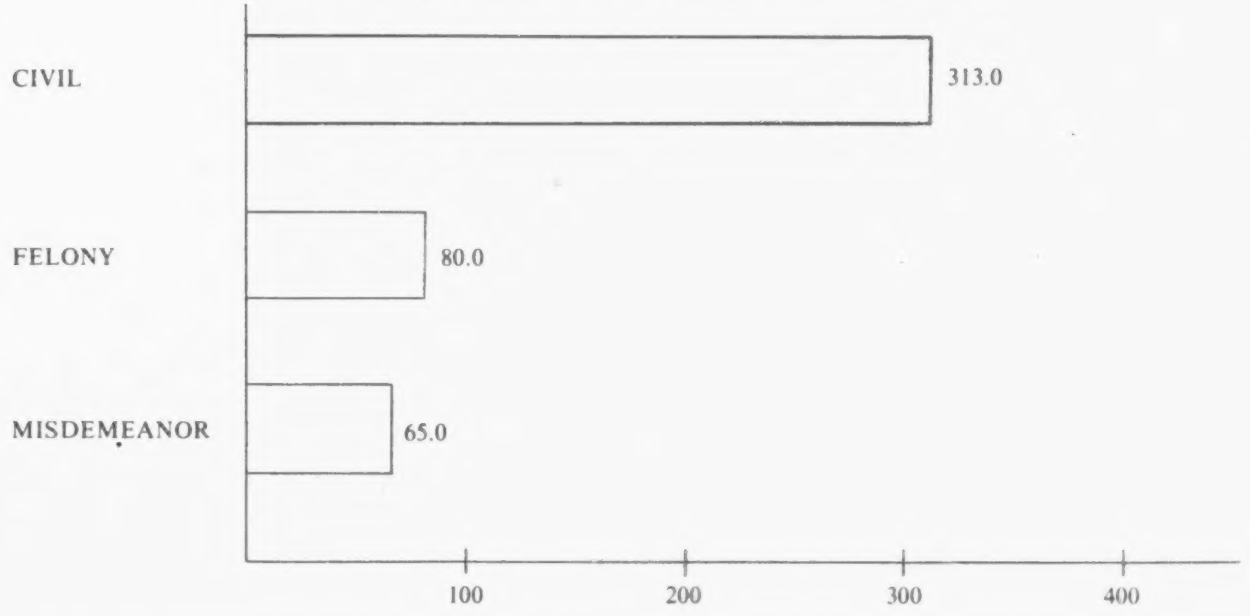
Dispositions of civil cases exceeded filings for the third year; this resulted in a drop in the volume of pending cases as of the end of the year.

LIFETIMES OF SUPERIOR COURT CASES

Median Ages (in days) of Cases Pending 6/30/84



Median Ages (in days) of Cases Disposed of During 1983-84



The median age of a case category is the age with respect to which 50% of all cases in the category are younger and 50% of all cases are older than the median age; it is the 50th percentile of ages of all cases in the category. As shown in the above graphs, the median ages of all civil superior court cases pending and disposed during fiscal year 1983-84 are greater than the median ages of criminal superior court cases pending and disposed. This is due to civil cases taking longer than criminal cases to process.

CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984

	Pending 7/1/83	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/84
District 1						
Camden	11	6	17	5	29.4	12
Chowan	26	23	49	17	34.6	32
Currituck	27	27	54	31	57.4	23
Dare	92	66	158	58	36.7	100
Gates	10	15	25	13	52.0	12
Pasquotank	60	62	122	70	57.3	52
Perquimans	33	29	62	36	58.0	26
District Totals	259	228	487	230	47.2	257
District 2						
Beaufort	85	79	164	82	50.0	82
Hyde	18	10	28	15	53.5	13
Martin	33	39	72	39	54.1	33
Tyrrell	7	6	13	6	46.1	7
Washington	27	30	57	28	49.1	29
District Totals	170	164	334	170	50.8	164
District 3						
Carteret	137	121	258	121	46.8	137
Craven	185	184	369	177	47.9	192
Pamlico	18	9	27	11	40.7	16
Pitt	200	238	438	222	50.6	216
District Totals	540	552	1,092	531	48.6	561
District 4						
Duplin	108	73	181	94	51.9	87
Jones	19	13	32	13	40.6	19
Onslow	194	160	354	155	43.7	199
Sampson	70	86	156	84	53.8	72
District Totals	391	332	723	346	47.8	377
District 5						
New Hanover	206	208	414	202	48.7	212
Pender	37	17	54	21	38.8	33
District Totals	243	225	468	223	47.6	245
District 6						
Bertie	27	19	46	31	67.3	15
Halifax	68	59	127	67	52.7	60
Hertford	68	50	118	72	61.0	46
Northampton	44	21	65	37	56.9	28
District Totals	207	149	356	207	58.1	149
District 7						
Edgecombe	88	82	170	105	61.7	65
Nash	116	117	233	121	51.9	112
Wilson	100	74	174	93	53.4	81
District Totals	304	273	577	319	55.2	258
District 8						
Greene	16	22	38	22	57.8	16
Lenoir	141	159	300	148	49.3	152
Wayne	178	175	353	156	44.1	197
District Totals	335	356	691	326	47.1	365

CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984

	Pending 7/1/83	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/84
District 9						
Franklin	58	42	100	53	53.0	47
Granville	47	38	85	47	55.2	38
Person	27	35	62	30	48.3	32
Vance	74	33	107	55	51.4	52
Warren	24	18	42	16	38.0	26
District Totals	230	166	396	201	50.7	195
District 10						
Wake	1,183	1,035	2,218	1,160	52.2	1,058
District 11						
Harnett	111	125	236	143	60.5	93
Johnston	132	219	351	225	64.1	126
Lee	52	75	127	76	59.8	51
District Totals	295	419	714	444	62.1	270
District 12						
Cumberland	476	368	844	380	45.0	464
Hoke	11	18	29	15	51.7	14
District Totals	487	386	873	395	45.2	478
District 13						
Bladen	41	41	82	42	51.2	40
Brunswick	60	49	109	51	46.7	58
Columbus	138	100	238	101	42.4	137
District Totals	239	190	429	194	45.2	235
District 14						
Durham	429	399	828	443	53.5	385
District 15A						
Alamance	179	132	311	124	39.8	187
District 15B						
Chatham	41	58	99	54	54.5	45
Orange	162	141	303	176	58.0	127
District Totals	203	199	402	230	57.2	172
District 16						
Robeson	135	126	261	119	45.5	142
Scotland	16	36	52	26	50.0	26
District Totals	151	162	313	145	46.3	168
District 17A						
Caswell	8	10	18	13	72.2	5
Rockingham	93	105	198	118	59.5	80
District Totals	101	115	216	131	60.6	85
District 17B						
Stokes	16	38	54	23	42.5	31
Surry	111	121	232	132	56.8	100
District Totals	127	159	286	155	54.1	131

CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984

	Pending 7/1/83	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/84
District 18 Guilford						
Greensboro	1,242	727	1,969	715	36.3	1,254
High Point	262	149	411	168	40.8	243
District Totals	1,504	876	2,380	883	37.1	1,497
District 19A						
Cabarrus	128	129	257	124	48.2	133
Rowan	127	119	246	139	56.5	107
District Totals	255	248	503	263	52.2	240
District 19B						
Montgomery	20	21	41	8	19.5	33
Randolph	156	114	270	123	45.5	147
District Totals	176	135	311	131	42.1	180
District 20						
Anson	69	43	112	57	50.8	55
Moore	127	80	207	114	55.0	93
Richmond	96	68	164	61	37.1	103
Stanly	87	46	133	55	41.3	78
Union	146	112	258	118	45.7	140
District Totals	525	349	874	405	46.3	469
District 21						
Forsyth	580	633	1,213	648	53.4	565
District 22						
Alexander	31	33	64	37	57.8	27
Davidson	146	142	288	172	59.7	116
Davie	46	37	83	46	55.4	37
Iredell	135	160	295	163	55.2	132
District Totals	358	372	730	418	57.2	312
District 23						
Alleghany	13	20	33	23	69.6	10
Ashe	20	19	39	20	51.2	19
Wilkes	115	106	221	98	44.3	123
Yadkin	32	32	64	30	46.8	34
District Totals	180	177	357	171	47.8	186
District 24						
Avery	43	46	89	51	57.3	38
Madison	37	50	87	33	37.9	54
Mitchell	26	36	62	29	46.7	33
Watauga	62	67	129	56	43.4	73
Yancey	16	19	35	24	68.5	11
District Totals	184	218	402	193	48.0	209
District 25						
Burke	193	107	300	138	46.0	162
Caldwell	134	122	256	146	57.0	110
Catawba	265	206	471	267	56.6	204
District Totals	592	435	1,027	551	53.6	476
District 26						
Mecklenburg	2,313	1,753	4,066	1,857	45.6	2,209

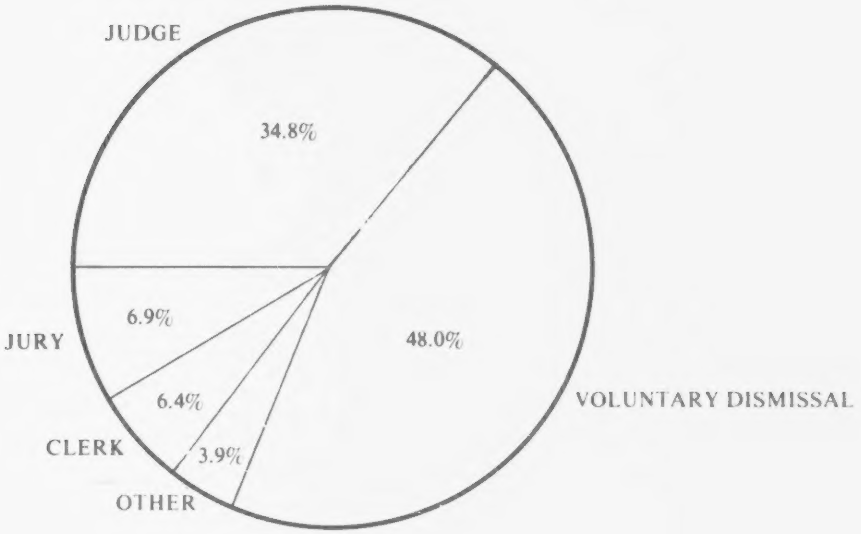
CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984

	Pending 7/1/83	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/84
District 27A						
Gaston	374	403	777	485	62.4	292
District 27B						
Cleveland	125	118	243	122	50.2	121
Lincoln	46	61	107	48	44.8	59
District Totals	171	179	350	170	48.5	180
District 28						
Buncombe	462	490	952	564	59.2	388
District 29						
Henderson	176	102	278	129	46.4	149
McDowell	46	54	100	43	43.0	57
Polk	24	13	37	21	56.7	16
Rutherford	107	64	171	83	48.5	88
Transylvania	44	55	99	46	46.4	53
District Totals	397	288	685	322	47.0	363
District 30						
Cherokee	32	36	68	28	41.1	40
Clay	7	8	15	6	40.0	9
Graham	8	18	26	12	46.1	14
Haywood	91	92	183	68	37.1	115
Jackson	102	43	145	61	42.0	84
Macon	63	70	133	56	42.1	77
Swain	29	18	47	15	31.9	32
District Totals	332	285	617	246	39.8	371
State Totals	14,476	12,482	26,958	13,281	49.2	13,677

METHODS OF DISPOSITION OF SUPERIOR COURT CIVIL CASES

1983-1984



The above graph of disposition methods for civil superior cases during 1983-84 shows that, as in previous years, voluntary dismissals represent the largest number of dispositions. When compared to the 1982-83 data, these percentages show increased dispositions within the voluntary dismissal and jury categories, and declines in the clerk, judge and other categories.

MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984

	Total Dispositions	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
District 1						
Camden	5	0	0	2	3	0
Chowan	17	8	1	3	3	2
Currituck	31	16	1	1	10	3
Dare	58	16	2	5	27	8
Gates	13	7	1	0	3	2
Pasquotank	70	25	1	9	35	0
Perquimans	36	16	3	7	9	1
District Totals	230	88	9	27	90	16
District 2						
Beaufort	82	32	9	5	22	14
Hyde	15	6	0	0	7	2
Martin	39	16	2	2	6	13
Tyrrell	6	1	0	3	2	0
Washington	28	12	0	2	13	1
District Totals	170	67	11	12	50	30
District 3						
Carteret	121	31	6	11	64	9
Craven	177	50	9	19	93	6
Pamlico	11	2	0	0	5	4
Pitt	222	71	17	21	112	1
District Totals	531	154	32	51	274	20
District 4						
Duplin	94	41	7	6	38	2
Jones	13	3	0	2	8	0
Onslow	155	50	6	11	83	5
Sampson	84	28	8	12	36	0
District Totals	346	122	21	31	165	7
District 5						
New Hanover	202	71	16	4	109	2
Pender	21	5	3	2	9	2
District Totals	223	76	19	6	118	4
District 6						
Bertie	31	14	0	5	4	8
Halifax	67	23	3	10	28	3
Hertford	72	33	7	8	24	0
Northampton	37	22	0	0	13	2
District Totals	207	92	10	23	69	13
District 7						
Edgecombe	105	47	2	9	45	2
Nash	121	37	12	6	61	5
Wilson	93	35	10	9	36	3
District Totals	319	119	24	24	142	10
District 8						
Greene	22	10	0	2	0	10
Lenoir	148	55	11	7	74	1
Wayne	156	45	6	20	83	2
District Totals	326	110	17	29	157	13

MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984

	Total Dispositions	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
District 9						
Franklin	53	12	2	2	34	3
Granville	47	19	5	1	21	1
Person	30	11	1	0	17	1
Vance	55	16	3	3	28	5
Warren	16	6	3	1	5	1
District Totals	201	64	14	7	105	11
District 10						
Wake	1,160	513	71	37	493	46
District 11						
Harnett	143	57	14	4	66	2
Johnston	225	83	11	50	77	4
Lee	76	16	6	8	46	0
District Totals	444	156	31	62	189	6
District 12						
Cumberland	380	136	23	11	206	4
Hoke	15	5	0	1	9	0
District Totals	395	141	23	12	215	4
District 13						
Bladen	42	13	3	4	22	0
Brunswick	51	22	6	1	22	0
Columbus	101	34	7	1	57	2
District Totals	194	69	16	6	101	2
District 14						
Durham	443	152	52	32	185	22
District 15A						
Alamance	124	44	2	12	62	4
District 15B						
Chatham	54	19	5	5	14	11
Orange	176	76	16	8	76	0
District Totals	230	95	21	13	90	11
District 16						
Robeson	119	47	12	10	47	3
Scotland	26	10	1	4	10	1
District Totals	145	57	13	14	57	4
District 17A						
Caswell	13	5	0	0	7	1
Rockingham	118	36	21	5	55	1
District Totals	131	41	21	5	62	2
District 17B						
Stokes	23	9	1	0	12	1
Surry	132	54	4	8	66	0
District Totals	155	63	5	8	78	1

MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984

	Total Dispositions	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
District 18 Guilford						
Greensboro	715	232	31	46	384	22
High Point	168	62	7	6	92	1
District Totals	883	294	38	52	476	23
District 19A						
Cabarrus	124	40	6	6	70	2
Rowan	139	33	18	6	80	2
District Totals	263	73	24	12	150	4
District 19B						
Montgomery	8	1	2	0	5	0
Randolph	123	44	8	7	61	3
District Totals	131	45	10	7	66	3
District 20						
Anson	57	29	1	3	24	0
Moore	114	46	10	4	52	2
Richmond	61	21	3	8	26	3
Stanly	55	20	0	1	31	3
Union	118	38	0	4	71	5
District Totals	405	154	14	20	204	13
District 21						
Forsyth	648	218	52	38	321	19
District 22						
Alexander	37	10	3	1	22	1
Davidson	172	60	8	8	86	10
Davie	46	17	0	1	24	4
Iredell	163	65	3	21	73	1
District Totals	418	152	14	31	205	16
District 23						
Alleghany	23	15	1	1	2	4
Ashe	20	8	0	0	10	2
Wilkes	98	41	5	1	49	2
Yadkin	30	8	5	1	15	1
District Totals	171	72	11	3	76	9
District 24						
Avery	51	16	0	1	11	23
Madison	33	22	2	1	8	0
Mitchell	29	11	1	3	8	6
Watauga	56	21	2	2	30	1
Yancey	24	7	2	0	8	7
District Totals	193	77	7	7	65	37
District 25						
Burke	138	41	15	9	71	2
Caldwell	146	68	7	3	36	32
Catawba	267	84	15	24	58	86
District Totals	551	193	37	36	165	120
District 26						
Mecklenburg	1,857	460	130	133	1,127	7

MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984

	Total Dispositions	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
District 27A						
Gaston	485	154	56	16	248	11
District 27B						
Cleveland	122	29	14	7	69	3
Lincoln	48	9	5	5	28	1
District Totals	170	38	19	12	97	4
District 28						
Buncombe	564	204	56	36	258	10
District 29						
Henderson	129	63	8	2	56	0
McDowell	43	21	0	2	19	1
Polk	21	11	0	1	9	0
Rutherford	83	34	12	3	32	2
Transylvania	46	24	2	5	14	1
District Totals	322	153	22	13	130	4
District 30						
Cherokee	28	13	1	4	5	5
Clay	6	3	0	2	1	0
Graham	12	7	0	0	4	1
Haywood	68	32	2	7	27	0
Jackson	61	32	3	2	20	4
Macon	56	24	0	8	21	3
Swain	15	4	2	2	5	2
District Totals	246	115	8	25	83	15
State Totals	13,281	4,625	910	852	6,373	521

AGES OF CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/84 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1983-84

	Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)					Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)				
				0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730				0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730
District 1																
Camden	12	453.8	319.0	3	2	1	3	3	5	714.4	579.0	0	0	0	3	2
Chowan	32	705.1	307.0	2	6	10	7	7	17	459.9	402.0	3	1	4	6	3
Currituck	23	287.6	127.0	11	4	1	5	2	31	390.6	263.0	6	5	8	7	5
Dare	100	524.9	383.0	14	13	20	31	22	58	379.2	252.5	11	10	14	14	9
Gates	12	253.7	213.0	4	1	4	3	0	13	470.1	333.0	0	0	7	4	2
Pasquotank	52	307.8	295.0	9	10	15	15	3	70	289.8	267.0	13	12	26	15	4
Perquimans	26	439.7	382.5	5	1	7	9	4	36	316.4	223.5	8	8	10	6	4
District Totals	257	457.6	316.0	48	37	58	73	41	230	362.1	267.0	41	36	69	55	29
District 2																
Beaufort	82	308.7	233.0	23	12	20	19	8	82	349.9	319.0	14	12	19	31	6
Hyde	13	426.2	436.0	1	1	3	7	1	15	434.9	245.0	2	2	6	3	2
Martin	33	285.9	206.0	6	9	10	6	2	39	430.3	363.0	6	6	8	9	10
Tyrrell	7	568.9	215.0	0	3	1	1	2	6	261.7	219.0	1	2	1	2	0
Washington	29	292.5	208.0	7	5	8	7	2	28	387.9	271.5	3	5	7	9	4
District Totals	164	321.7	242.0	37	30	42	40	15	170	379.0	310.0	26	27	41	54	22
District 3																
Carteret	137	362.6	269.0	25	26	34	32	20	121	360.0	349.0	29	10	22	47	13
Craven	192	364.2	261.0	34	36	53	50	19	177	317.4	268.0	44	22	43	55	13
Pamlico	16	423.9	402.0	1	3	3	7	2	11	582.8	323.0	2	0	5	3	1
Pitt	216	299.4	237.5	49	36	63	49	19	222	289.5	203.0	66	36	52	54	14
District Totals	561	340.6	246.0	109	101	153	138	60	531	320.9	254.0	141	68	122	159	41
District 4																
Duplin	87	422.4	290.0	19	10	21	22	15	94	441.4	342.0	15	6	29	27	17
Jones	19	565.8	359.0	3	3	4	5	4	13	308.7	258.0	1	3	6	2	1
Onslow	199	430.2	353.0	36	31	33	69	30	155	374.4	259.0	34	26	35	40	20
Sampson	72	311.3	200.0	13	20	13	21	5	84	307.2	205.0	24	15	19	19	7
District Totals	377	412.5	302.0	71	64	71	117	54	346	373.8	267.0	74	50	89	88	45
District 5																
New Hanover	212	354.8	241.5	49	30	57	49	27	202	354.3	260.0	48	25	46	57	26
Pender	33	690.8	702.0	4	4	4	5	16	21	650.8	581.0	4	1	4	4	8
District Totals	245	400.1	276.0	53	34	61	54	43	223	382.2	289.0	52	26	50	61	34
District 6																
Bertie	15	449.3	276.0	1	2	7	2	3	31	378.4	354.0	9	1	6	12	3
Halifax	60	538.3	323.5	7	12	15	13	13	67	354.2	308.0	16	9	13	23	6
Hertford	46	314.3	138.0	19	8	6	7	6	72	419.7	283.5	14	10	20	18	10
Northampton	28	374.5	358.0	5	5	4	11	3	37	538.9	405.0	5	4	7	13	8
District Totals	149	429.4	276.0	32	27	32	33	25	207	413.6	317.0	44	24	46	66	27

AGES OF CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/84 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1983-84

	Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	Ages of Pending Cases (Days) 0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days) 0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730
District 7																
Edgecombe	65	261.1	173.0	18	15	18	7	7	105	285.5	223.0	19	26	27	27	6
Nash	112	340.3	262.0	26	20	35	20	11	121	368.9	251.0	24	16	35	33	13
Wilson	81	376.2	331.0	14	6	23	29	9	93	376.8	249.0	23	10	21	28	11
District Totals	258	331.6	265.0	58	41	76	56	27	319	343.8	247.0	66	52	83	88	30
District 8																
Greene	16	187.2	115.0	7	3	4	2	0	22	246.8	152.5	7	5	6	3	1
Lenoir	152	264.2	212.0	42	25	40	38	7	148	332.1	276.0	34	15	46	41	12
Wayne	197	372.1	285.0	31	30	64	48	24	156	344.2	272.0	39	18	41	41	17
District Totals	365	319.1	255.0	80	58	108	88	31	326	332.1	268.5	80	38	93	85	30
District 9																
Franklin	47	362.2	309.0	9	7	13	12	6	53	493.7	405.0	8	6	11	17	11
Granville	38	323.1	268.5	6	8	11	10	3	47	413.1	333.0	6	6	13	16	6
Person	32	195.1	123.5	8	11	8	5	0	30	482.6	427.0	5	5	4	10	6
Vance	52	389.5	368.5	5	9	11	22	5	55	436.1	387.0	7	2	13	28	5
Warren	26	366.4	285.0	6	2	7	7	4	16	528.9	295.0	1	2	7	2	4
District Totals	195	335.0	275.0	34	37	50	56	18	201	460.2	387.0	27	21	48	73	32
District 10																
Wake	1,058	313.7	249.0	239	178	296	262	83	1,160	355.4	292.5	211	172	308	349	120
District 11																
Harnett	93	227.1	192.0	23	20	34	12	4	143	310.5	279.0	16	33	40	49	5
Johnston	126	209.1	142.0	40	33	35	12	6	225	211.4	133.0	88	41	49	41	6
Lee	51	219.6	193.0	12	13	17	8	1	76	252.3	207.0	19	13	26	17	1
District Totals	270	217.3	170.5	75	66	86	32	11	444	250.3	199.5	123	87	115	107	12
District 12																
Cumberland	464	391.0	339.5	73	75	102	153	61	380	395.9	325.5	58	50	97	132	43
Hoke	14	206.1	162.0	4	3	5	2	0	15	235.7	158.0	6	3	2	2	2
District Totals	478	385.6	332.0	77	78	107	155	61	395	389.8	322.0	64	53	99	134	45
District 13																
Bladen	40	312.5	300.0	6	6	12	14	2	42	288.9	237.0	12	5	10	14	1
Brunswick	58	344.5	268.0	11	16	9	15	7	51	446.4	434.0	6	6	10	19	10
Columbus	137	397.1	331.0	34	20	19	41	23	101	494.2	418.0	15	10	22	29	25
District Totals	235	369.7	295.0	51	42	40	70	32	194	437.2	377.0	33	21	42	62	36
District 14																
Durham	385	290.2	215.0	94	81	89	101	20	443	375.2	317.0	76	52	123	139	53

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District 15A																
Alamance	187	488.4	388.0	25	22	43	51	46	124	450.5	333.5	28	11	25	38	22
District 15B																
Chatham	45	222.4	170.0	13	10	13	7	2	54	294.3	250.0	12	5	19	16	2
Orange	127	254.3	212.0	41	20	29	31	6	176	368.5	309.5	29	16	52	67	12
District Totals	172	246.0	192.0	54	30	42	38	8	230	351.1	299.5	41	21	71	83	14
District 16																
Robeson	142	372.5	291.5	30	20	32	40	20	119	354.2	312.0	34	11	22	39	13
Scotland	26	199.8	128.5	11	4	8	1	2	26	274.7	191.5	5	6	10	3	2
District Totals	168	345.8	258.5	41	24	40	41	22	145	339.9	283.0	39	17	32	42	15
District 17A																
Caswell	5	83.6	44.0	4	0	1	0	0	13	274.5	174.0	4	2	1	6	0
Rockingham	80	203.8	166.5	23	19	29	7	2	118	310.0	313.0	16	21	38	42	1
District Totals	85	196.7	159.0	27	19	30	7	2	131	306.5	311.0	20	23	39	48	1
District 17B																
Stokes	31	148.6	130.0	11	11	7	2	0	23	234.0	247.0	5	4	9	5	0
Surry	100	229.3	256.0	23	15	44	17	1	132	281.1	295.0	20	27	40	43	2
District Totals	131	210.2	212.0	34	26	51	19	1	155	274.1	287.0	25	31	49	48	2
District 18 Guilford																
Greensboro	1,254	536.7	445.0	151	118	251	379	355	715	559.9	407.0	145	97	98	144	231
High Point	243	454.0	431.0	35	23	46	84	55	168	489.9	401.5	18	24	40	38	48
District Totals	1,497	523.3	443.0	186	141	297	463	410	883	546.6	406.0	163	121	138	182	279
District 19A																
Cabarrus	133	270.6	185.0	34	31	33	28	7	124	425.4	389.0	21	11	24	48	20
Rowan	107	254.9	220.0	24	24	29	27	3	139	317.0	281.0	18	21	53	40	7
District Totals	240	263.6	193.5	58	55	62	55	10	263	368.1	315.0	39	32	77	88	27
District 19B																
Montgomery	33	492.7	309.0	1	9	9	5	9	8	293.6	335.0	2	1	1	4	0
Randolph	147	443.0	333.0	31	14	36	27	39	123	441.2	392.0	22	11	26	45	19
District Totals	180	452.1	314.5	32	23	45	32	48	131	432.2	391.0	24	12	27	49	19
District 20																
Anson	55	397.1	333.0	9	7	15	17	7	57	630.2	451.0	4	9	11	16	17
Moore	93	429.2	302.0	19	15	20	17	22	114	541.7	512.5	16	10	18	33	37
Richmond	103	734.2	395.0	18	15	18	13	39	61	498.2	455.0	15	7	6	15	18
Stanly	78	536.0	447.0	13	5	13	24	23	55	421.8	370.0	10	6	11	18	10
Union	140	324.1	271.0	34	17	36	42	11	118	440.7	481.0	16	11	23	54	14
District Totals	469	478.8	330.0	93	59	102	113	102	405	501.9	465.0	61	43	69	136	96

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District 21																
Forsyth	565	218.2	173.0	144	144	169	107	1	648	350.5	319.0	91	72	233	199	53
District 22																
Alexander	27	149.2	107.0	11	6	8	2	0	37	279.4	272.0	7	4	13	13	0
Davidson	116	245.7	192.5	30	24	36	21	5	172	332.2	308.0	31	24	46	59	12
Davie	37	230.6	150.0	14	5	5	12	1	46	315.0	247.0	10	9	9	16	2
Iredell	132	290.6	220.0	32	23	43	22	12	163	284.9	238.0	44	21	45	42	11
District Totals	312	254.6	193.0	87	58	92	57	18	418	307.2	273.5	92	58	113	130	25
District 23																
Alleghany	10	243.6	181.5	2	3	2	3	0	23	214.0	149.0	8	6	3	5	1
Ashe	19	300.5	240.0	4	3	8	2	2	20	464.0	383.0	1	1	7	9	2
Wilkes	123	309.1	256.0	28	21	32	35	7	98	419.7	476.5	19	8	13	48	10
Yadkin	34	310.4	248.5	7	6	9	9	3	30	311.5	389.5	6	1	7	16	0
District Totals	186	304.9	255.0	41	33	51	49	12	171	378.2	393.0	34	16	30	78	13
District 24																
Avery	38	197.0	137.5	13	11	4	9	1	51	254.1	252.0	11	7	23	9	1
Madison	54	239.1	137.0	7	26	7	12	2	33	393.1	370.0	8	4	4	14	3
Mitchell	33	412.6	242.0	7	6	10	6	4	29	232.7	184.0	11	3	7	7	1
Watauga	73	238.8	212.0	17	14	25	15	2	56	318.2	331.0	6	11	18	19	2
Yancey	11	364.9	323.0	2	1	3	4	1	24	497.0	319.0	5	1	10	6	2
District Totals	209	265.4	186.0	46	58	49	46	10	193	323.5	285.0	41	26	62	55	9
District 25																
Burke	162	491.9	367.5	26	19	35	57	25	138	524.4	516.0	13	11	22	59	33
Caldwell	110	249.4	198.0	31	19	35	20	5	146	395.7	376.5	23	14	35	54	20
Catawba	204	341.1	257.5	40	36	51	55	22	267	316.2	310.0	49	36	78	94	10
District Totals	476	371.2	268.0	97	74	121	132	52	551	389.4	362.0	85	61	135	207	63
District 26																
Mecklenburg	2,209	393.9	318.0	361	338	533	678	299	1,857	465.3	409.0	341	244	302	444	526
District 27A																
Gaston	292	243.4	183.0	87	58	81	54	12	485	342.8	275.0	96	68	148	132	41
District 27B																
Cleveland	121	272.9	228.0	25	19	42	33	2	122	325.0	315.0	18	11	45	42	6
Lincoln	59	229.5	215.0	8	18	21	12	0	48	284.9	314.5	9	4	21	14	0
District Totals	180	258.7	227.0	33	37	63	45	2	170	313.7	314.5	27	15	66	56	6
District 28																
Buncombe	388	244.8	171.0	102	107	106	55	18	564	316.2	267.5	88	85	216	148	27

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District 29																
Henderson	149	414.3	347.0	24	21	34	47	23	129	532.5	554.0	12	9	22	46	40
McDowell	57	337.6	254.0	13	7	22	10	5	43	341.7	287.0	5	8	16	11	3
Polk	16	359.4	334.5	4	1	4	5	2	21	542.4	365.0	1	4	6	3	7
Rutherford	88	327.2	278.5	14	20	18	31	5	83	501.0	549.0	8	8	10	45	12
Transylvania	53	273.4	248.0	11	9	21	10	2	46	373.8	377.0	7	5	10	20	4
District Totals	363	358.1	283.0	66	58	99	103	37	322	476.9	436.5	33	34	64	125	66
District 30																
Cherokee	40	443.0	301.0	7	8	9	6	10	28	288.3	201.5	9	5	7	3	4
Clay	9	282.6	275.0	0	2	5	2	0	6	313.5	358.0	2	0	3	0	1
Graham	14	157.4	129.0	5	3	5	1	0	12	373.9	360.0	0	4	2	4	2
Haywood	115	352.7	263.0	19	24	26	33	13	68	347.2	269.0	17	9	11	26	5
Jackson	84	666.3	522.0	10	6	14	21	33	61	611.9	521.0	11	3	9	18	20
Macon	77	367.3	276.0	13	13	19	19	13	56	266.7	172.5	18	12	8	16	2
Swain	32	531.6	475.5	3	4	5	14	6	15	644.0	490.0	3	1	3	1	7
District Totals	371	442.8	316.0	57	60	83	96	75	246	406.4	307.0	60	34	43	68	41
State Totals	13,677	363.9	271.0	2,729	2,298	3,428	3,516	1,706	13,281	389.9	313.0	2,486	1,751	3,267	3,876	1,901

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District 1												
Camden	42	44	86	40	46.5	46	16	30	46	20	43.4	26
Chowan	196	155	351	118	33.6	233	96	58	154	45	29.2	109
Currituck	123	101	224	94	41.9	130	62	53	115	76	66.0	39
Dare	556	143	699	481	68.8	218	124	90	214	82	38.3	132
Gates	79	86	165	99	60.0	66	12	31	43	19	44.1	24
Pasquotank	262	227	489	220	44.9	269	87	140	227	132	58.1	95
Perquimans	170	88	258	63	24.4	195	44	59	103	33	32.0	70
District Totals	1,428	844	2,272	1,115	49.0	1,157	441	461	902	407	45.1	495
District 2												
Beaufort	332	357	689	342	49.6	347	393	164	557	114	20.4	443
Hyde	64	48	112	54	48.2	58	46	28	74	35	47.2	39
Martin	264	214	478	178	37.2	300	125	155	280	79	28.2	201
Tyrrell	32	27	59	21	35.5	38	11	4	15	8	53.3	7
Washington	110	89	199	96	48.2	103	69	74	143	106	74.1	37
District Totals	802	735	1,537	691	44.9	846	644	425	1,069	342	31.9	727
District 3												
Carteret	390	492	882	474	53.7	408	134	168	302	186	61.5	116
Craven	471	403	874	336	38.4	538	197	276	473	262	55.3	211
Pamlico	102	78	180	95	52.7	85	30	30	60	21	35.0	39
Pitt	649	591	1,240	580	46.7	660	166	421	587	379	64.5	208
District Totals	1,612	1,564	3,176	1,485	46.7	1,691	527	895	1,422	848	59.6	574
District 4												
Duplin	485	353	838	340	40.5	498	260	169	429	198	46.1	231
Jones	70	96	166	69	41.5	97	75	43	118	33	27.9	85
Onslow	480	369	849	338	39.8	511	318	538	856	477	55.7	379
Sampson	492	353	845	371	43.9	474	198	248	446	233	52.2	213
District Totals	1,527	1,171	2,698	1,118	41.4	1,580	851	998	1,849	941	50.8	908
District 5												
New Hanover	1,268	744	2,012	1,212	60.2	800	267	786	1,053	892	84.7	161
Pender	212	136	348	144	41.3	204	124	107	231	88	38.0	143
District Totals	1,480	880	2,360	1,356	57.4	1,004	391	893	1,284	980	76.3	304
District 6												
Bertie	192	160	352	147	41.7	205	79	66	145	66	45.5	79
Halifax	697	405	1,102	359	32.5	743	435	257	692	188	27.1	504
Hertford	185	214	399	208	52.1	191	94	111	205	84	40.9	121
Northampton	175	190	365	174	47.6	191	64	106	170	84	49.4	86
District Totals	1,249	969	2,218	888	40.0	1,330	672	540	1,212	422	34.8	790
District 7												
Edgecombe	378	465	843	467	55.3	376	246	235	481	208	43.2	273
Nash	509	446	955	470	49.2	485	282	288	570	239	41.9	331
Wilson	706	446	1,152	504	43.7	648	389	339	728	267	36.6	461
District Totals	1,593	1,357	2,950	1,441	48.8	1,509	917	862	1,779	714	40.1	1,065
District 8												
Greene	101	135	236	118	50.0	118	67	51	118	51	43.2	67
Lenoir	361	478	839	439	52.3	400	145	328	473	322	68.0	151
Wayne	1,004	573	1,577	694	44.0	883	391	610	1,001	567	56.6	434
District Totals	1,466	1,186	2,652	1,251	47.1	1,401	603	989	1,592	940	59.0	652
District 9												
Franklin	397	225	622	311	50.0	311	205	146	351	115	32.7	236
Granville	239	254	493	269	54.5	224	56	345	401	350	87.2	51
Person	226	229	455	234	51.4	221	103	153	256	131	51.1	125
Vance	381	260	641	325	50.7	316	145	148	293	235	80.2	58
Warren	195	186	381	204	53.5	177	81	107	188	88	46.8	100
District Totals	1,438	1,154	2,592	1,343	51.8	1,249	590	899	1,489	919	61.7	570

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District 10												
Wake	3,138	1,547	4,685	1,496	31.9	3,189	942	1,420	2,362	1,303	55.1	1,059
District 11												
Harnett	518	354	872	389	44.6	483	234	245	479	244	50.9	235
Johnston	477	525	1,002	487	48.6	515	160	533	693	500	72.1	193
Lee	457	231	688	207	30.0	481	313	137	450	137	30.4	313
District Totals	1,452	1,110	2,562	1,083	42.2	1,479	707	915	1,622	881	54.3	741
District 12												
Cumberland	814	808	1,622	821	50.6	801	580	1,262	1,842	1,351	73.3	491
Hoke	99	78	177	77	43.5	100	60	98	158	94	59.4	64
District Totals	913	886	1,799	898	49.9	901	640	1,360	2,000	1,445	72.2	555
District 13												
Bladen	138	138	276	142	51.4	134	59	183	242	164	67.7	78
Brunswick	355	332	687	316	45.9	371	159	163	322	186	57.7	136
Columbus	420	284	704	266	37.7	438	474	249	723	206	28.4	517
District Totals	913	754	1,667	724	43.4	943	692	595	1,287	556	43.2	731
District 14												
Durham	1,708	1,031	2,739	1,003	36.6	1,736	256	974	1,230	956	77.7	274
District 15A												
Alamance	715	707	1,422	640	45.0	782	224	505	729	413	56.6	316
District 15B												
Chatham	314	229	543	225	41.4	318	159	121	280	105	37.5	175
Orange	835	430	1,265	481	38.0	784	601	459	1,060	218	20.5	842
District Totals	1,149	659	1,808	706	39.0	1,102	760	580	1,340	323	24.1	1,017
District 16												
Robeson	537	593	1,130	553	48.9	577	275	482	757	507	66.9	250
Scotland	243	221	464	186	40.0	278	190	132	322	125	38.8	197
District Totals	780	814	1,594	739	46.3	855	465	614	1,079	632	58.5	447
District 17A												
Caswell	140	126	266	124	46.6	142	51	71	122	76	62.2	46
Rockingham	940	656	1,596	685	42.9	911	352	314	666	322	48.3	344
District Totals	1,080	782	1,862	809	43.4	1,053	403	385	788	398	50.5	390
District 17B												
Stokes	209	182	391	193	49.3	198	68	147	215	143	66.5	72
Surry	463	433	896	420	46.8	476	170	323	493	287	58.2	206
District Totals	672	615	1,287	613	47.6	674	238	470	708	430	60.7	278
District 18												
Guilford	2,919	2,178	5,097	2,366	46.4	2,731	656	1,887	2,543	1,919	75.4	624
District 19A												
Cabarrus	791	627	1,418	632	44.5	786	237	331	568	325	57.2	243
Rowan	938	872	1,810	841	46.4	969	272	939	1,211	878	72.5	333
District Totals	1,729	1,499	3,228	1,473	45.6	1,755	509	1,270	1,779	1,203	67.6	576
District 19B												
Montgomery	172	184	356	164	46.0	192	119	158	277	154	55.5	123
Randolph	568	642	1,210	597	49.3	613	131	387	518	397	76.6	121
District Totals	740	826	1,566	761	48.5	805	250	545	795	551	69.3	244

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District 20												
Anson	477	128	605	115	19.0	490	137	72	209	64	30.6	145
Moore	748	454	1,202	513	42.6	689	125	276	401	248	61.8	153
Richmond	451	320	771	303	39.2	468	224	199	423	129	30.4	294
Stanly	821	452	1,273	601	47.2	672	232	205	437	165	37.7	272
Union	402	375	777	407	52.3	370	113	273	386	301	77.9	85
District Totals	2,899	1,729	4,628	1,939	41.8	2,689	831	1,025	1,856	907	48.8	949
District 21												
Forsyth	2,027	1,514	3,541	1,548	43.7	1,993	296	1,298	1,594	1,359	85.2	235
District 22												
Alexander	141	146	287	146	50.8	141	33	129	162	101	62.3	61
Davidson	774	762	1,536	765	49.8	771	159	414	573	461	80.4	112
Davie	138	159	297	153	51.5	144	67	108	175	98	56.0	77
Iredell	717	648	1,365	598	43.8	767	196	376	572	412	72.0	160
District Totals	1,770	1,715	3,485	1,662	47.6	1,823	455	1,027	1,482	1,072	72.3	410
District 23												
Alleghany	93	72	165	66	40.0	99	21	60	81	54	66.6	27
Ashe	165	173	338	155	45.8	183	77	137	214	124	57.9	90
Wilkes	369	273	642	252	39.2	390	266	466	732	389	53.1	343
Yadkin	279	201	480	209	43.5	271	74	188	262	157	59.9	105
District Totals	906	719	1,625	682	41.9	943	438	851	1,289	724	56.1	565
District 24												
Avery	126	106	232	93	40.0	139	73	95	168	62	36.9	106
Madison	158	83	241	101	41.9	140	59	50	109	38	34.8	71
Mitchell	453	128	581	80	13.7	501	45	80	125	72	57.6	53
Watauga	231	171	402	147	36.5	255	93	158	251	123	49.0	128
Yancey	172	130	302	100	33.1	202	47	44	91	55	60.4	36
District Totals	1,140	618	1,758	521	29.6	1,237	317	427	744	350	47.0	394
District 25												
Burke	749	384	1,133	448	39.5	685	187	395	582	393	67.5	189
Caldwell	621	401	1,022	362	35.4	660	152	317	469	298	63.5	171
Catawba	1,174	667	1,841	708	38.4	1,133	208	351	559	380	67.9	179
District Totals	2,544	1,452	3,996	1,518	37.9	2,478	547	1,063	1,610	1,071	66.5	539
District 26												
Mecklenburg	3,334	2,696	6,030	2,521	41.8	3,509	2,008	2,431	4,439	2,016	45.4	2,423
District 27A												
Gaston	1,432	996	2,428	969	39.9	1,459	473	680	1,153	822	71.2	331
District 27B												
Cleveland	634	539	1,173	592	50.4	581	140	460	600	463	77.1	137
Lincoln	271	275	546	267	48.9	279	86	172	258	181	70.1	77
District Totals	905	814	1,719	859	49.9	860	226	632	858	644	75.0	214
District 28												
Buncombe	2,054	1,377	3,431	1,267	36.9	2,164	891	945	1,836	806	43.8	1,030
District 29												
Henderson	697	569	1,266	540	42.6	726	160	267	427	259	60.6	168
McDowell	360	197	557	175	31.4	382	129	158	287	180	62.7	107
Polk	218	159	377	127	33.6	250	24	56	80	64	80.0	16
Rutherford	457	462	919	424	46.1	495	228	232	460	188	40.8	272
Transylvania	472	195	667	175	26.2	492	282	120	402	188	46.7	214
District Totals	2,204	1,582	3,786	1,441	38.0	2,345	823	833	1,656	879	53.0	777

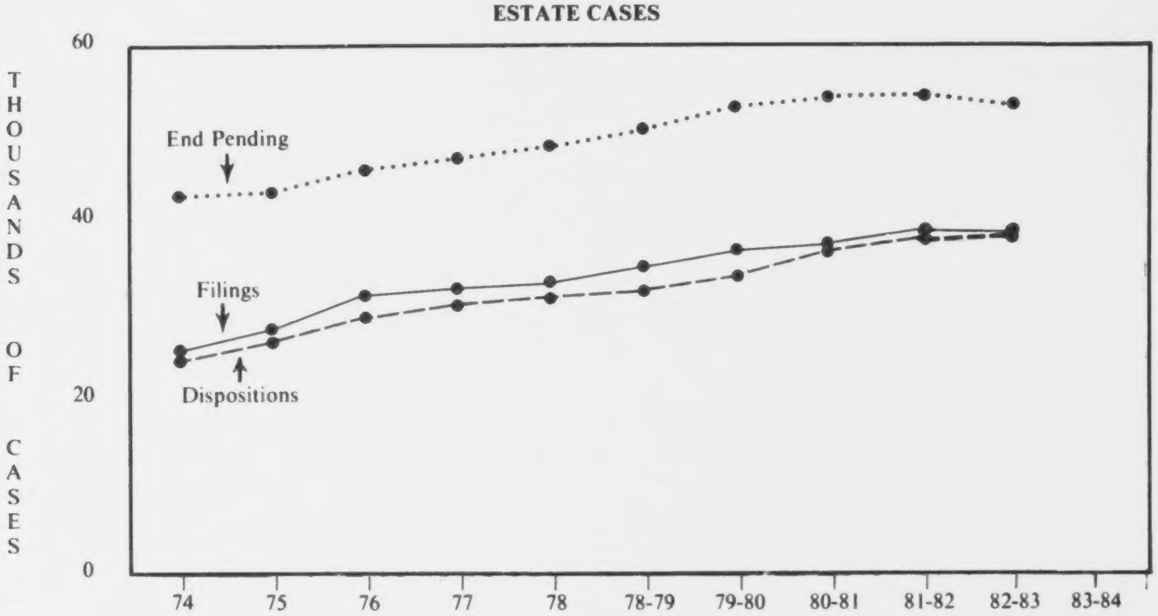
CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR ESTATES AND SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE CLERKS OF SUPERIOR COURT

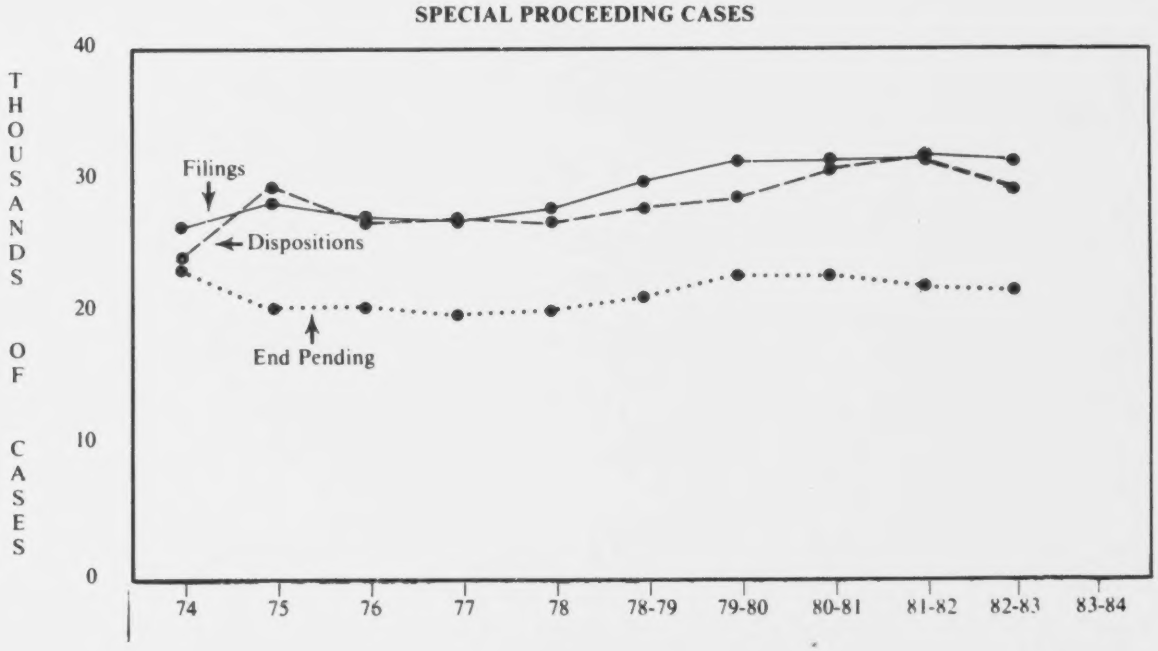
July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984

	Estates						Special Proceedings					
District 30	Pending 7/1/83	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/84	Pending 7/1/83	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/84
Cherokee	429	172	601	143	23.7	458	96	100	196	100	51.0	96
Clay	51	50	101	47	46.5	54	28	38	66	36	54.5	30
Graham	63	46	109	22	20.1	87	12	33	45	23	51.1	22
Haywood	449	361	810	357	44.0	453	165	253	418	222	53.1	196
Jackson	327	140	467	156	33.4	311	143	156	299	116	38.7	183
Macon	412	153	565	147	26.0	418	242	318	560	275	49.1	285
Swain	130	75	205	74	36.0	131	64	53	117	62	52.9	55
District Totals	1,861	997	2,858	946	33.1	1,912	750	951	1,701	834	49.0	867
State Totals	53,579	39,477	93,056	39,872	42.8	53,184	20,433	30,645	51,078	29,007	56.7	22,071

CASELOAD TRENDS IN ESTATES AND SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS

1974 — Estate Cases 1983-84





Dispositions of estate cases exceeded filings for the first time in a decade during the 1983-84 fiscal year. As a result, the volume of pending estate cases at the year end decreased in comparison to the number pending at the beginning of this year. Special proceedings filings decreased 3.7% and dispositions decreased by 9.4% during the 1983-84 year.

CASELOAD TRENDS OF CRIMINAL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

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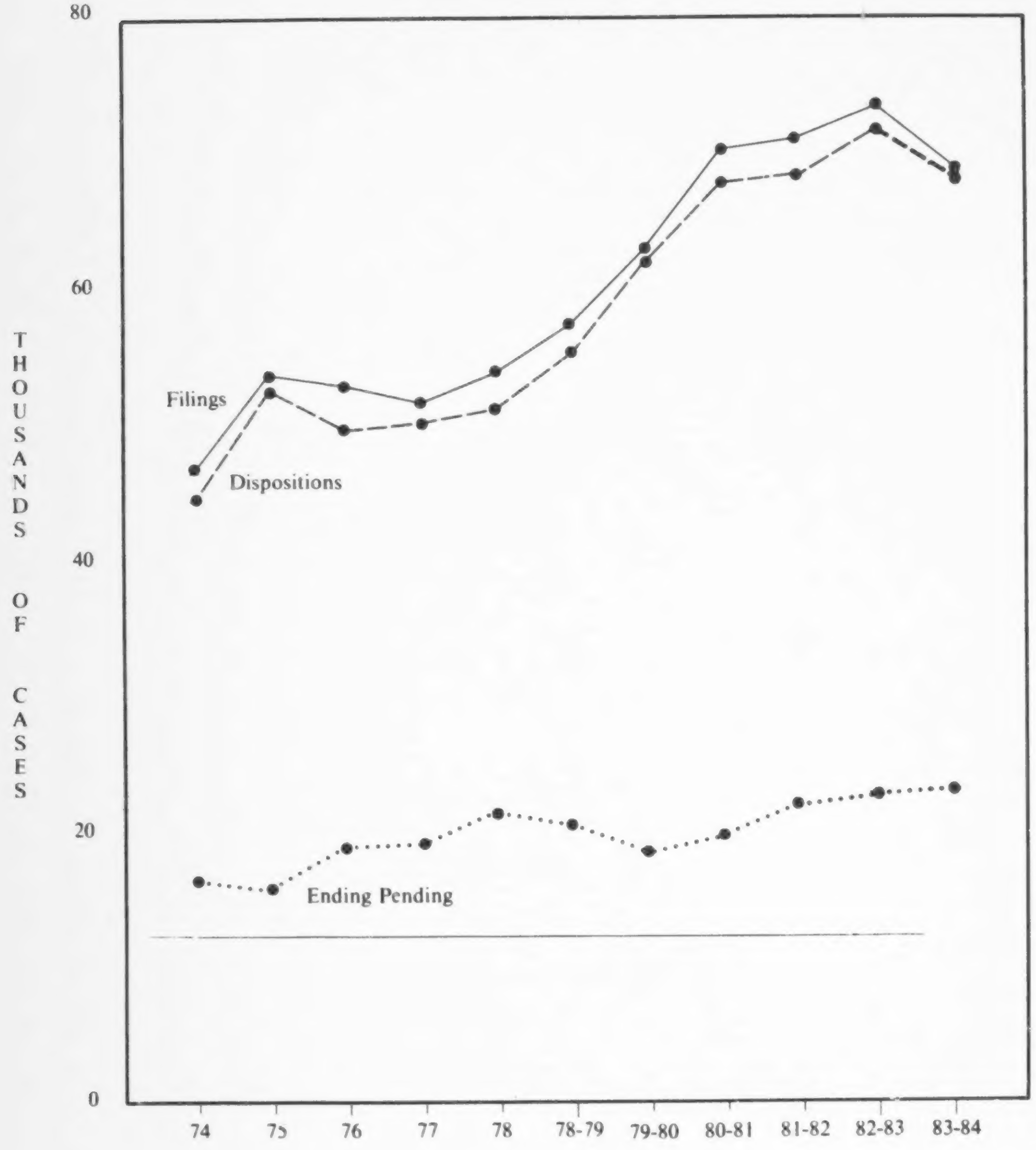


Criminal superior case filings decreased by 3.6% and dispositions declined by 7.1% during the 1983-84 fiscal year. The criminal caseload trend in superior court is determined primarily by felony cases, since felony cases substantially outnumber misdemeanor appeal cases.

CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CRIMINAL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984

	Felonies						Misdemeanors					
	Pending 7/1/83	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/84	Pending 7/1/83	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/84
District 1												
Camden	5	9	14	8	57.1	6	38	48	86	55	63.9	31
Chowan	31	73	104	60	57.6	44	32	223	255	198	77.6	57
Currituck	9	56	65	57	87.6	8	31	241	272	233	85.6	39
Dare	39	69	108	87	80.5	21	81	273	354	272	76.8	82
Gates	4	35	39	25	64.1	14	11	53	64	41	64.0	23
Pasquotank	49	166	215	141	65.5	74	70	558	628	508	80.8	120
Perquimans	6	51	57	28	49.1	29	22	129	151	93	61.5	58
District Totals	143	459	602	406	67.4	196	285	1,525	1,810	1,400	77.3	410
District 2												
Beaufort	148	457	605	374	61.8	231	97	233	330	235	71.2	95
Hyde	52	69	121	97	80.1	24	33	35	68	60	88.2	8
Martin	34	154	188	144	76.5	44	13	63	76	35	46.0	41
Tyrrell	0	38	38	30	78.9	8	23	45	68	63	92.6	5
Washington	20	90	110	75	68.1	35	17	50	67	46	68.6	21
District Totals	254	808	1,062	720	67.7	342	183	426	609	439	72.0	170
District 3												
Carteret	53	293	346	220	63.5	126	14	82	96	77	80.2	19
Craven	75	509	584	440	75.3	144	36	294	330	281	85.1	49
Pamlico	18	23	41	32	78.0	9	9	26	35	24	68.5	11
Pitt	185	691	876	588	67.1	288	119	540	659	514	77.9	145
District Totals	331	1,516	1,847	1,280	69.3	567	178	942	1,120	896	80.0	224
District 4												
Duplin	80	395	475	391	82.3	84	6	38	44	36	81.8	8
Jones	9	78	87	85	97.7	2	0	6	6	5	83.3	1
Onslow	337	840	1,177	1,037	88.1	140	32	105	137	99	72.2	38
Sampson	94	379	473	455	96.1	18	9	39	48	47	97.9	1
District Totals	520	1,692	2,212	1,968	88.9	244	47	188	235	187	79.5	48
District 5												
New Hanover	323	1,836	2,159	1,826	84.5	333	59	643	702	591	84.1	111
Pender	22	84	106	89	83.9	17	21	55	76	64	84.2	12
District Totals	345	1,920	2,265	1,915	84.5	350	80	698	778	655	84.1	123
District 6												
Bertie	25	87	112	95	84.8	17	20	53	73	53	72.6	20
Halifax	103	314	417	315	75.5	102	104	205	309	241	77.9	68
Hertford	29	193	222	182	81.9	40	15	90	105	80	76.1	25
Northampton	26	88	114	69	60.5	45	17	48	65	40	61.5	25
District Totals	183	682	865	661	76.4	204	156	396	552	414	75.0	138
District 7												
Edgecombe	56	300	356	303	85.1	53	33	220	253	212	83.7	41
Nash	75	288	363	325	89.5	38	77	182	259	232	89.5	27
Wilson	93	291	384	304	79.1	80	46	159	205	166	80.9	39
District Totals	224	879	1,103	932	84.4	171	156	561	717	610	85.0	107
District 8												
Greene	19	136	155	92	59.3	63	8	75	83	55	66.2	28
Lenoir	59	367	426	359	84.2	67	93	441	534	439	82.2	95
Wayne	130	512	642	546	85.0	96	91	368	459	364	79.3	95
District Totals	208	1,015	1,223	997	81.5	226	192	884	1,076	858	79.7	218
District 9												
Franklin	48	194	242	142	58.6	100	82	220	302	197	65.2	105
Granville	80	311	391	252	64.4	139	73	152	225	151	67.1	74
Person	44	242	286	219	76.5	67	49	241	290	176	60.6	114
Vance	111	325	436	321	73.6	115	82	197	279	206	73.8	73
Warren	46	68	114	76	66.6	38	62	99	161	105	65.2	56
District Totals	329	1,140	1,469	1,010	68.7	459	348	909	1,257	835	66.4	422

CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CRIMINAL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984

	Felonies						Misdemeanors					
	Pending 7/1/83	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/84	Pending 7/1/83	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/84
District 10												
Wake	1,600	3,089	4,689	3,240	69.0	1,449	667	1,994	2,661	1,854	69.6	807
District 11												
Harnett	68	229	297	267	89.8	30	12	101	113	104	92.0	9
Johnston	29	358	387	297	76.7	90	30	149	179	144	80.4	35
Lee	54	354	408	303	74.2	105	20	255	275	213	77.4	62
District Totals	151	941	1,092	867	79.3	225	62	505	567	461	81.3	106
•District 12												
Cumberland	457	1,435	1,892	1,405	74.2	487	132	551	683	545	79.7	138
Hoke	10	68	78	71	91.0	7	10	63	73	61	83.5	12
District Totals	467	1,503	1,970	1,476	74.9	494	142	614	756	606	80.1	150
District 13												
Bladen	68	188	256	157	61.3	99	56	86	142	109	76.7	33
Brunswick	152	159	311	205	65.9	106	52	93	145	100	68.9	45
Columbus	170	324	494	453	91.7	41	116	284	400	352	88.0	48
District Totals	390	671	1,061	815	76.8	246	224	463	687	561	81.6	126
District 14												
Durham	527	1,563	2,090	1,492	71.3	598	138	548	686	480	69.9	206
District 15A												
Alamance	270	971	1,241	782	63.0	459	120	341	461	366	79.3	95
District 15B												
Chatham	14	134	148	95	64.1	53	3	28	31	22	70.9	9
Orange	47	489	536	446	83.2	90	14	80	94	77	81.9	17
District Totals	61	623	684	541	79.0	143	17	108	125	99	79.2	26
District 16												
Robeson	332	910	1,242	1,065	85.7	177	154	530	684	538	78.6	146
Scotland	155	229	384	256	66.6	128	167	245	412	253	61.4	159
District Totals	487	1,139	1,626	1,321	81.2	305	321	775	1,096	791	72.1	305
District 17A												
Caswell	1	117	118	117	99.1	1	7	115	122	118	96.7	4
Rockingham	167	664	831	693	83.3	138	177	581	758	650	85.7	108
District Totals	168	781	949	810	85.3	139	184	696	880	768	87.2	112
District 17B												
Stokes	69	172	241	223	92.5	18	46	160	206	157	76.2	49
Surry	136	409	545	418	76.6	127	108	460	568	489	86.0	79
District Totals	205	581	786	641	81.5	145	154	620	774	646	83.4	128
District 18 Guilford												
Greensboro	916	2,410	3,326	2,432	73.1	894	179	651	830	614	73.9	216
High Point	261	802	1,063	634	59.6	429	73	195	268	130	48.5	138
District Totals	1,177	3,212	4,389	3,066	69.8	1,323	252	846	1,098	744	67.7	354
District 19A												
Cabarrus	273	563	836	621	74.2	215	293	607	900	628	69.7	272
Rowan	127	536	663	532	80.2	131	119	562	681	549	80.6	132
District Totals	400	1,099	1,499	1,153	76.9	346	412	1,169	1,581	1,177	74.4	404
District 19B												
Montgomery	82	303	385	165	42.8	220	116	263	379	288	75.9	91
Randolph	348	507	855	531	62.1	324	270	828	1,098	717	65.3	381
District Totals	430	810	1,240	696	56.1	544	386	1,091	1,477	1,005	68.0	472

CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CRIMINAL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984

	Felonies						Misdemeanors					
	Pending 7/1/83	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/84	Pending 7/1/83	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/84
District 20												
Anson	162	127	289	225	77.8	64	43	306	349	205	58.7	144
Moore	101	435	536	476	88.8	60	86	305	391	329	84.1	62
Richmond	59	605	664	468	70.4	196	84	368	452	392	86.7	60
Stanly	94	357	451	390	86.4	61	104	227	331	275	83.0	56
Union	34	483	517	346	66.9	171	50	495	545	442	81.1	103
District Totals	450	2,007	2,457	1,905	77.5	552	367	1,701	2,068	1,643	79.4	425
District 21												
Forsyth	525	2,094	2,619	2,188	83.5	431	500	1,890	2,390	2,179	91.1	211
District 22												
Alexander	8	80	88	60	68.1	28	19	108	127	114	89.7	13
Davidson	169	218	387	287	74.1	100	114	388	502	419	83.4	83
Davie	10	51	61	42	68.8	19	23	124	147	112	76.1	35
Iredell	143	386	529	370	69.9	159	102	363	465	370	79.5	95
District Totals	330	735	1,065	759	71.2	306	258	983	1,241	1,015	81.7	226
District 23												
Alleghany	7	76	83	27	32.5	56	7	18	25	17	68.0	8
Ashe	32	47	79	41	51.8	38	39	59	98	47	47.9	51
Wilkes	57	177	234	163	69.6	71	119	349	468	320	68.3	148
Yadkin	32	149	181	95	52.4	86	46	184	230	175	76.0	55
District Totals	128	449	577	326	56.4	251	211	610	821	559	68.0	262
District 24												
Avery	53	62	115	77	66.9	38	7	20	27	19	70.3	8
Madison	41	93	134	83	61.9	51	10	12	22	10	45.4	12
Mitchell	29	41	70	43	61.4	27	3	12	15	11	73.3	4
Watauga	38	345	383	203	53.0	180	4	38	42	33	78.5	9
Yancey	4	51	55	16	29.0	39	11	37	48	20	41.6	28
District Totals	165	592	757	422	55.7	335	35	119	154	93	60.3	61
District 25												
Burke	242	301	543	434	79.9	109	91	289	380	264	69.4	116
Caldwell	163	501	664	488	73.4	176	45	215	260	194	74.6	66
Catawba	251	593	844	638	75.5	206	132	427	559	432	77.2	127
District Totals	656	1,395	2,051	1,560	76.0	491	268	931	1,199	890	74.2	309
District 26												
Mecklenburg	1,311	2,873	4,184	2,915	69.6	1,269	352	952	1,304	884	67.7	420
District 27A												
Gaston	278	1,020	1,298	1,057	81.4	241	128	576	704	515	73.1	189
District 27B												
Cleveland	68	413	481	354	73.5	127	34	259	293	204	69.6	89
Lincoln	41	268	309	270	87.3	39	18	132	150	90	60.0	60
District Totals	109	681	790	624	78.9	166	52	391	443	294	66.3	149
District 28												
Buncombe	303	1,047	1,350	1,016	75.2	334	79	316	395	308	77.9	87
District 29												
Henderson	82	552	634	443	69.8	191	29	168	197	114	57.8	83
McDowell	61	183	244	210	86.0	34	16	137	153	121	79.0	32
Polk	42	42	84	65	77.3	19	25	14	39	28	71.7	11
Rutherford	240	410	650	527	81.0	123	72	262	334	258	77.2	76
Transylvania	35	112	147	104	70.7	43	14	69	83	62	74.6	21
District Totals	460	1,299	1,759	1,349	76.6	410	156	650	806	583	72.3	223

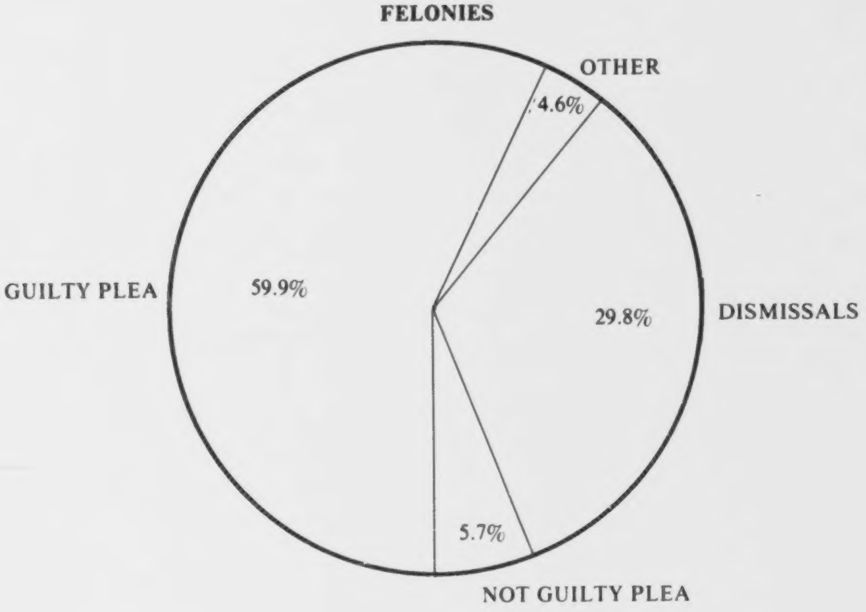
CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CRIMINAL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

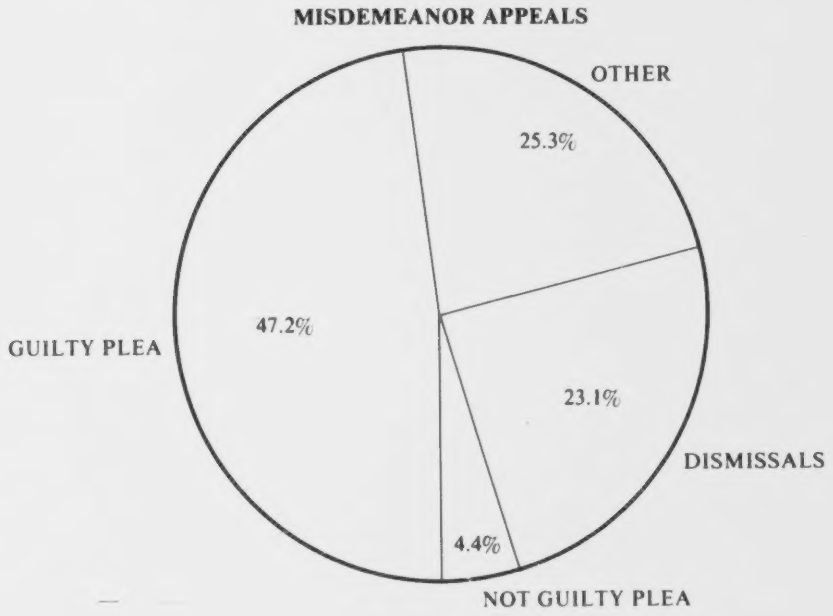
July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984

	Felonies						Misdemeanors					
	Pending 7/1/83	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/84	Pending 7/1/83	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/84
District 30												
Cherokee	49	96	145	85	58.6	60	38	111	149	119	79.8	30
Clay	8	2	10	10	100.0	0	10	30	40	28	70.0	12
Graham	28	40	68	38	55.8	30	13	15	28	16	57.1	12
Haywood	159	449	608	386	63.4	222	95	224	319	190	59.5	129
Jackson	69	118	187	117	62.5	70	30	55	85	68	80.0	17
Macon	33	119	152	112	73.6	40	24	33	57	40	70.1	17
Swain	7	50	57	40	70.1	17	23	30	53	35	66.0	18
District Totals	353	874	1,227	788	64.2	439	233	498	731	496	67.8	235
State Totals	13,938	42,160	56,098	41,698	74.3	14,400	7,343	25,916	33,259	25,311	76.1	7,948

METHODS OF DISPOSITION OF SUPERIOR COURT CRIMINAL CASES

1983-1984





Guilty pleas constitute the largest disposition category for criminal superior court cases. The dismissal category, as graphed here, includes speedy trial dismissals by the district attorney, both with and without leave.

MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF CRIMINAL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984

	Felonies						Misdemeanors					
	Total Dispositions	Plea of Guilty (Judge)	Plea of Not Guilty (Jury)	Dismissal by D.A.	Speedy Trial Dismissal	Other	Total Dispositions	Plea of Guilty (Judge)	Plea of Not Guilty (Jury)	Dismissal by D.A.	Speedy Trial Dismissal	Other
District 1												
Camden	8	2	2	3	0	1	55	38	1	12	0	4
Chowan	60	30	4	23	0	3	198	80	7	11	0	100
Currituck	57	34	4	10	0	9	233	199	7	26	0	1
Dare	87	36	2	45	0	4	272	228	6	36	0	2
Gates	25	17	2	3	0	3	41	20	3	3	0	15
Pasquotank	141	104	14	15	0	8	508	172	5	41	0	290
Perquimans	28	10	3	10	0	5	93	36	3	12	0	42
District Totals	406	233	31	109	0	33	1,400	773	32	141	0	454
District 2												
Beaufort	374	235	76	40	2	21	235	154	17	26	1	37
Hyde	97	42	10	13	0	32	60	25	8	10	0	17
Martin	144	92	25	15	0	12	35	13	7	7	0	8
Tyrrell	30	16	4	6	0	4	63	21	13	12	0	17
Washington	75	33	19	12	0	11	46	14	3	5	0	24
District Totals	720	418	134	86	2	80	439	227	48	60	1	103
District 3												
Carteret	220	110	7	98	0	5	77	41	1	23	0	12
Craven	440	245	16	169	0	10	281	127	21	94	0	39
Pamlico	32	17	5	7	0	3	24	13	0	3	0	8
Pitt	588	388	41	122	0	37	514	286	42	96	0	90
District Totals	1,280	760	69	396	0	55	896	467	64	216	0	149
District 4												
Duplin	391	251	32	92	0	16	36	11	5	5	0	15
Jones	85	14	23	48	0	0	5	2	1	2	0	0
Onslow	1,037	614	50	348	0	25	99	33	19	27	0	20
Sampson	455	297	34	110	0	14	47	32	4	5	0	6
District Totals	1,968	1,176	139	598	0	55	187	78	29	39	0	41
District 5												
New Hanover	1,826	1,192	95	484	0	55	591	339	29	115	0	108
Pender	89	51	2	21	0	15	64	18	3	19	0	24
District Totals	1,915	1,243	97	505	0	70	655	357	32	134	0	132
District 6												
Bertie	95	55	6	18	0	16	53	28	7	9	0	9
Halifax	315	141	25	135	0	14	241	107	15	76	0	43
Hertford	182	112	15	42	0	13	80	40	7	21	0	12
Northampton	69	23	14	22	0	10	40	11	5	7	0	17
District Totals	661	331	60	217	0	53	414	186	34	113	0	81
District 7												
Edgecombe	303	163	15	123	0	2	212	86	13	77	0	36
Nash	325	157	11	138	0	19	232	98	15	72	0	47
Wilson	304	186	15	70	0	33	166	91	7	37	0	31
District Totals	932	506	41	331	0	54	610	275	35	186	0	114
District 8												
Greene	92	80	4	5	0	3	55	24	5	13	0	13
Lenoir	359	180	38	122	0	19	439	225	24	105	0	85
Wayne	546	287	54	187	0	18	364	202	26	86	0	50
District Totals	997	547	96	314	0	40	858	451	55	204	0	148

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District 9												
Franklin	142	69	4	62	0	7	197	95	5	76	0	21
Granville	252	168	6	54	0	24	151	68	7	37	0	39
Person	219	60	16	86	0	57	176	76	8	43	0	49
Vance	321	224	5	80	0	12	206	102	6	61	0	37
Warren	76	41	6	27	0	2	105	53	2	21	0	29
District Totals	1,010	562	37	309	0	102	835	394	28	238	0	175
District 10												
Wake	3,240	1,624	130	1,365	6	115	1,854	532	24	767	20	511
District 11												
Harnett	267	182	27	51	0	7	104	52	9	24	0	19
Johnston	297	176	20	91	0	10	144	48	8	28	0	60
Lee	303	212	3	85	0	3	213	78	4	66	0	65
District Totals	867	570	50	227	0	20	461	178	21	118	0	144
District 12												
Cumberland	1,405	957	96	300	0	52	545	234	43	69	0	199
Hoke	71	48	2	13	0	8	61	26	10	14	0	11
District Totals	1,476	1,005	98	313	0	60	606	260	53	83	0	210
District 13												
Bladen	157	95	15	43	0	4	109	38	8	38	0	25
Brunswick	205	107	18	57	0	23	100	43	9	34	0	14
Columbus	453	284	45	102	0	22	352	137	17	87	2	109
District Totals	815	486	78	202	0	49	561	218	34	159	2	148
District 14												
Durham	1,492	855	96	497	0	44	480	215	34	150	0	81
District 15A												
Alamance	782	481	74	213	0	14	366	186	40	85	0	55
District 15B												
Chatham	95	55	5	23	0	12	22	9	1	7	0	5
Orange	446	240	12	167	0	27	77	26	7	19	0	25
District Totals	541	295	17	190	0	39	99	35	8	26	0	30
District 16												
Robeson	1,065	815	106	59	0	85	538	255	29	26	12	216
Scotland	256	211	19	16	0	10	253	165	6	37	0	45
District Totals	1,321	1,026	125	75	0	95	791	420	35	63	12	261
District 17A												
Caswell	117	105	3	5	0	4	118	95	2	9	0	12
Rockingham	693	531	22	115	0	25	650	379	16	89	0	166
District Totals	810	636	25	120	0	29	768	474	18	98	0	178
District 17B												
Stokes	223	198	0	19	0	6	157	128	0	15	0	14
Surry	418	341	24	45	0	8	489	323	6	39	0	121
District Totals	641	539	24	64	0	14	646	451	6	54	0	135
District 18 Guilford												
Greensboro	2,432	1,684	82	555	0	111	614	276	6	136	0	196
High Point	634	401	12	200	0	21	130	42	2	48	0	38
District Totals	3,066	2,085	94	755	0	132	744	318	8	184	0	234

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District 19A												
Cabarrus	621	368	16	224	0	13	628	424	9	132	0	63
Rowan	532	339	27	144	0	22	549	242	34	124	0	149
District Totals	1,153	707	43	368	0	35	1,177	666	43	256	0	212
District 19B												
Montgomery	165	63	9	60	0	33	288	140	7	87	0	54
Randolph	531	370	4	144	0	13	717	421	11	96	0	189
District Totals	696	433	13	204	0	46	1,005	561	18	183	0	243
District 20												
Anson	225	86	3	125	0	11	205	84	6	89	0	26
Moore	476	245	9	212	0	10	329	110	12	90	0	117
Richmond	468	222	8	230	0	8	392	144	6	166	0	76
Stanly	390	172	15	183	0	20	275	174	0	76	0	25
Union	346	176	19	141	0	10	442	153	17	92	0	180
District Totals	1,905	901	54	891	0	59	1,643	665	41	513	0	424
District 21												
Forsyth	2,188	1,725	81	329	0	53	2,179	1,312	44	340	0	483
District 22												
Alexander	60	45	2	9	0	4	114	46	4	20	0	44
Davidson	287	182	24	52	0	29	419	94	10	87	0	228
Davie	42	23	8	5	0	6	112	43	9	28	0	32
Iredell	370	188	16	132	0	34	370	134	15	87	0	134
District Totals	759	438	50	198	0	73	1,015	317	38	222	0	438
District 23												
Alleghany	27	15	3	3	0	6	17	6	4	4	0	3
Ashe	41	21	6	11	0	3	47	22	3	5	0	17
Wilkes	163	104	10	29	0	20	320	129	23	44	0	124
Yadkin	95	71	2	9	0	13	175	102	5	15	0	53
District Totals	326	211	21	52	0	42	559	259	35	68	0	197
District 24												
Avery	77	53	7	13	0	4	19	10	2	2	0	5
Madison	83	29	17	34	0	3	10	6	0	3	0	1
Mitchell	43	17	4	22	0	0	11	4	4	2	0	1
Watauga	203	109	10	79	0	5	33	5	2	6	0	20
Yancey	16	9	0	5	0	2	20	1	8	4	0	7
District Totals	422	217	38	153	0	14	93	26	16	17	0	34
District 25												
Burke	434	204	19	185	1	25	264	96	14	79	1	74
Caldwell	488	219	14	226	0	29	194	82	13	47	0	52
Catawba	638	330	48	233	5	22	432	123	42	86	5	176
District Totals	1,560	753	81	644	6	76	890	301	69	212	6	302
District 26												
Mecklenburg	2,915	1,389	210	1,216	24	76	884	283	58	335	0	208
District 27A												
Gaston	1,057	565	68	372	3	49	515	234	46	152	0	83
District 27B												
Cleveland	354	177	23	143	0	11	204	101	7	49	0	47
Lincoln	270	59	9	191	0	11	90	30	3	24	0	33
District Totals	624	236	32	334	0	22	294	131	10	73	0	80

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District 28												
Buncombe	1,016	734	54	199	0	29	308	117	16	68	0	107
District 29												
Henderson	443	303	20	99	0	21	114	63	7	26	0	18
McDowell	210	147	8	44	0	11	121	79	10	11	0	21
Polk	65	45	0	18	0	2	28	17	0	7	0	4
Rutherford	527	334	18	135	0	40	258	103	9	43	0	103
Transylvania	104	71	3	20	0	10	62	36	5	12	0	9
District Totals	1,349	900	49	316	0	84	583	298	31	99	0	155
District 30												
Cherokee	85	49	5	27	0	4	119	52	1	59	0	7
Clay	10	6	0	2	0	2	28	22	3	2	0	1
Graham	38	11	0	17	0	10	16	2	2	6	0	6
Haywood	386	194	55	111	0	26	190	129	10	48	0	3
Jackson	117	65	1	10	0	41	68	40	1	13	0	14
Macon	112	60	9	25	0	18	40	19	4	6	0	11
Swain	40	18	0	22	0	0	35	15	2	13	0	5
District Totals	788	403	70	214	0	101	496	279	23	147	0	47
State Totals	41,698	24,990	2,379	12,376	41	1,912	25,311	11,944	1,126	5,803	41	6,397

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					0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	>365				0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	>365
District 1																	
Camden	FEL	6	303.0	206.5	0	2	1	1	2	8	237.5	241.0	2	0	1	3	2
	MIS	31	171.4	201.0	5	6	2	15	3	55	133.0	114.0	13	18	3	20	1
Chowan	FEL	44	325.5	306.0	3	5	5	14	17	60	155.3	90.0	26	11	15	5	3
	MIS	57	135.6	74.0	25	9	8	8	7	198	66.2	46.5	112	49	23	12	2
Currituck	FEL	8	50.4	24.0	6	0	2	0	0	57	131.5	71.0	22	18	4	11	2
	MIS	39	109.5	80.0	15	10	1	13	0	233	71.3	47.0	130	71	12	10	10
Dare	FEL	21	181.7	47.0	13	0	0	4	4	87	107.4	88.0	22	43	8	12	2
	MIS	82	112.4	99.5	35	16	18	9	4	272	81.7	60.0	138	74	45	10	5
Gates	FEL	14	233.2	145.0	1	1	6	5	1	25	182.6	190.0	3	2	6	12	2
	MIS	23	170.0	120.0	6	8	5	1	3	41	113.4	88.0	18	7	7	9	0
Pasquotank	FEL	74	349.4	236.0	14	11	4	22	23	141	100.9	94.0	46	56	24	13	2
	MIS	120	88.9	23.0	80	14	9	10	7	508	54.6	44.0	304	147	25	32	0
Perquimans	FEL	29	81.6	54.0	15	11	2	1	0	28	141.5	58.0	15	5	1	3	4
	MIS	58	170.6	171.0	16	5	9	26	2	93	78.0	65.0	41	33	8	11	0
District Totals	FEL	196	264.5	158.0	52	30	20	47	47	406	125.2	89.0	136	135	59	59	17
	MIS	410	124.4	74.0	182	68	52	82	26	1,400	70.6	54.0	756	399	123	104	18
District 2																	
Beaufort	FEL	231	158.4	131.0	29	58	105	17	22	374	139.9	91.0	101	110	54	95	14
	MIS	95	127.7	60.0	51	16	13	7	8	235	127.2	94.0	64	78	33	55	5
Hyde	FEL	24	388.3	425.0	3	0	1	2	18	97	163.8	101.0	38	16	6	21	16
	MIS	8	269.8	57.0	5	1	0	0	2	60	258.4	189.0	6	6	16	15	17
Martin	FEL	44	82.1	47.0	23	14	2	4	1	144	138.0	108.0	44	34	29	27	10
	MIS	41	156.6	108.0	7	18	4	7	5	35	189.2	108.0	5	13	0	12	5
Tyrrell	FEL	8	69.6	88.0	2	6	0	0	0	30	67.0	60.0	16	12	2	0	0
	MIS	5	75.4	40.0	4	0	0	1	0	63	142.4	125.0	17	13	18	9	6
Washington	FEL	35	116.5	117.0	13	6	12	3	1	75	162.5	125.0	11	19	20	21	4
	MIS	21	104.5	99.0	5	9	4	3	0	46	97.5	73.0	18	16	6	5	1
District Totals	FEL	342	158.4	131.0	70	84	120	26	42	720	142.1	101.0	210	191	111	164	44
	MIS	170	137.0	78.5	72	44	21	18	15	439	149.1	109.0	110	126	73	96	34
District 3																	
Carteret	FEL	126	96.3	32.0	85	21	6	0	14	220	115.8	65.0	101	68	19	11	21
	MIS	19	116.6	88.0	8	6	3	1	1	77	109.2	58.0	40	24	1	6	6
Craven	FEL	144	103.4	85.5	54	49	8	31	2	440	91.0	78.0	144	182	74	40	0
	MIS	49	58.5	24.0	28	13	8	0	0	281	64.1	49.0	163	83	23	12	0
Pamlico	FEL	9	221.7	85.0	2	5	0	0	2	32	163.1	87.0	14	6	4	1	7
	MIS	11	156.9	71.0	3	6	0	0	2	24	145.3	87.5	9	6	3	4	2
Pitt	FEL	288	129.5	79.0	106	71	36	59	16	588	88.1	49.0	331	128	48	65	16
	MIS	145	169.4	120.0	43	34	25	32	11	514	64.1	42.0	332	125	26	25	6
District Totals	FEL	567	117.0	75.0	247	146	50	90	34	1,280	95.7	65.0	590	384	145	117	44
	MIS	224	140.0	75.0	82	59	36	33	14	896	70.2	47.0	544	238	53	47	14

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District 4																	
Duplin	FEL	84	81.6	72.0	39	28	17	0	0	391	57.9	29.0	288	69	5	20	9
	MIS	8	74.0	59.5	4	2	2	0	0	36	68.0	38.5	25	4	5	2	0
Jones	FEL	2	168.0	168.0	1	0	0	1	0	85	129.4	137.0	12	12	56	1	4
	MIS	1	50.0	50.0	1	0	0	0	0	5	91.0	119.0	2	1	2	0	0
Onslow	FEL	140	101.1	31.0	96	13	2	9	20	1,037	78.6	58.0	561	277	118	73	8
	MIS	38	42.1	22.0	29	6	2	1	0	99	61.6	51.0	63	27	7	2	0
Sampson	FEL	18	46.1	51.0	12	6	0	0	0	455	40.8	30.0	326	124	3	0	2
	MIS	1	19.0	19.0	1	0	0	0	0	47	48.5	26.0	37	9	0	1	0
District Totals	FEL	244	90.9	53.0	148	47	19	10	20	1,968	67.9	48.0	1,187	482	182	94	23
	MIS	48	47.1	31.0	35	8	4	1	0	187	60.3	49.0	127	41	14	5	0
District 5																	
New Hanover	FEL	333	106.8	89.0	102	154	36	38	3	1,826	67.0	49.0	1,190	457	121	35	23
	MIS	111	79.3	60.0	57	21	29	4	0	591	62.4	48.0	374	151	48	13	5
Pender	FEL	17	64.3	72.0	7	10	0	0	0	89	97.5	68.0	39	29	5	11	5
	MIS	12	150.1	29.0	8	2	0	1	1	64	171.3	115.0	23	12	14	6	9
District Totals	FEL	350	104.7	89.0	109	164	36	38	3	1,915	68.4	50.0	1,229	486	126	46	28
	MIS	123	86.2	59.0	65	23	29	5	1	655	73.0	49.0	397	163	62	19	14
District 6																	
Bertie	FEL	17	93.1	30.0	12	0	1	4	0	95	93.9	54.0	50	21	10	10	4
	MIS	20	55.8	44.0	16	2	1	1	0	53	127.5	81.0	15	19	9	6	4
Halifax	FEL	102	129.5	35.0	59	8	4	26	5	315	119.3	72.0	139	76	19	62	19
	MIS	68	145.3	75.0	30	14	5	9	10	241	149.1	115.0	76	50	56	38	21
Hertford	FEL	40	117.1	19.0	28	4	2	0	6	182	68.3	27.0	124	38	0	16	4
	MIS	25	79.7	46.0	14	5	3	2	1	80	83.6	48.0	45	21	6	6	2
Northampton	FEL	45	96.8	58.0	27	13	1	0	4	69	141.5	95.0	23	15	21	5	5
	MIS	25	87.7	61.0	12	8	4	0	1	40	122.3	87.0	16	11	6	5	2
District Totals	FEL	204	116.8	34.5	126	25	8	30	15	661	103.9	58.0	336	150	50	93	32
	MIS	138	110.0	56.0	72	29	13	12	12	414	131.1	88.0	152	101	77	55	29
District 7																	
Edgecombe	FEL	53	203.1	23.0	33	7	2	0	11	303	56.4	50.0	193	93	12	5	0
	MIS	41	107.9	59.0	21	9	3	6	2	212	72.4	50.0	125	53	22	8	4
Nash	FEL	38	124.2	9.0	22	1	4	6	5	325	76.9	53.0	192	60	45	24	4
	MIS	27	115.7	71.0	13	4	6	2	2	232	91.5	46.0	133	59	11	18	11
Wilson	FEL	80	264.4	131.0	15	20	12	8	25	304	121.3	84.0	108	105	27	51	13
	MIS	39	212.5	134.0	5	11	8	6	9	166	81.8	49.0	99	41	12	11	3
District Totals	FEL	171	214.2	89.0	70	28	18	14	41	932	84.7	57.0	493	258	84	80	17
	MIS	107	148.0	73.0	39	24	17	14	13	610	82.2	49.0	357	153	45	37	18

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District 8																	
Greene	FEL	63	131.4	46.0	32	0	17	3	11	92	61.7	50.0	47	25	15	5	0
	MIS	28	113.5	99.0	10	6	5	7	0	55	99.7	89.0	12	23	18	2	0
Lenoir	FEL	67	133.0	110.0	22	21	4	20	0	359	99.4	84.0	117	145	45	50	2
	MIS	95	61.1	47.0	56	29	7	3	0	439	85.2	60.0	220	112	50	52	5
Wayne	FEL	96	85.1	54.0	61	16	10	9	0	546	94.2	70.0	247	154	78	58	9
	MIS	95	83.7	67.0	47	32	4	11	1	364	99.8	85.0	120	148	54	36	6
District Totals	FEL	226	112.2	60.0	115	37	31	32	11	997	93.1	72.0	411	324	138	113	11
	MIS	218	77.7	56.5	113	67	16	21	1	858	92.3	74.0	352	283	122	90	11
District 9																	
Franklin	FEL	100	108.4	40.0	64	5	14	11	6	142	117.0	95.5	38	70	12	17	5
	MIS	105	168.2	67.0	49	20	7	17	12	197	132.9	86.0	62	55	36	38	6
Granville	FEL	139	354.9	45.0	74	16	7	5	37	252	113.1	77.0	99	75	44	25	9
	MIS	74	167.9	52.0	38	10	13	4	9	151	146.7	99.0	29	67	13	31	11
Person	FEL	67	141.3	86.0	25	16	7	15	4	219	141.6	104.0	45	78	30	60	6
	MIS	114	157.3	135.0	30	21	16	40	7	176	140.1	102.0	38	66	23	39	10
Vance	FEL	115	200.4	86.0	56	29	11	3	16	321	102.9	75.0	127	117	28	39	10
	MIS	73	184.2	110.0	20	19	11	9	14	206	133.0	89.5	53	89	28	27	9
Warren	FEL	38	334.7	395.0	2	0	4	12	20	76	158.1	147.5	19	12	20	21	4
	MIS	56	236.8	157.0	7	13	12	6	18	105	164.2	126.0	18	16	27	41	3
District Totals	FEL	459	229.6	67.0	221	66	43	46	83	1,010	120.0	84.0	328	352	134	162	34
	MIS	422	177.1	108.0	144	83	59	76	60	835	140.9	102.0	200	293	127	176	39
District 10																	
Wake	FEL	1,449	174.5	137.0	293	335	341	343	137	3,240	167.3	131.0	713	745	632	882	268
	MIS	807	126.2	94.0	226	260	117	182	22	1,854	113.8	78.0	758	470	238	328	60
District 11																	
Harnett	FEL	30	84.3	26.0	21	5	1	0	3	267	78.0	44.0	153	48	37	27	2
	MIS	9	31.1	24.0	8	1	0	0	0	104	71.4	46.0	65	20	9	8	2
Johnston	FEL	90	79.6	79.0	26	54	5	4	1	297	60.8	57.0	175	89	26	7	0
	MIS	35	70.8	60.0	20	12	2	1	0	144	63.1	41.0	99	35	4	4	2
Lee	FEL	105	117.1	60.0	66	23	2	8	6	303	70.5	51.0	175	92	21	8	7
	MIS	62	188.6	81.0	21	28	5	2	6	213	71.1	54.0	127	67	13	4	2
District Totals	FEL	225	97.7	60.0	113	82	8	12	10	867	69.5	51.0	503	229	84	42	9
	MIS	106	136.3	71.0	49	41	7	3	6	461	68.7	48.0	291	122	26	16	6
District 12																	
Cumberland	FEL	487	133.6	94.0	180	138	52	101	16	1,405	110.7	84.0	473	494	221	163	54
	MIS	138	94.5	79.0	52	64	6	15	1	545	83.9	69.0	248	180	59	51	7
Hoke	FEL	7	69.0	82.0	3	3	1	0	0	71	82.7	54.0	36	11	17	7	0
	MIS	12	67.8	65.0	5	5	2	0	0	61	81.5	54.0	33	12	9	7	0
District Totals	FEL	494	132.7	94.0	183	141	53	101	16	1,476	109.4	84.0	509	505	238	170	54
	MIS	150	92.4	79.0	57	69	8	15	1	606	83.7	67.5	281	192	68	58	7

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District 13																	
Bladen	FEL	99	102.8	87.0	27	31	39	1	1	157	119.8	83.0	65	36	17	33	6
	MIS	33	124.8	75.0	15	8	3	4	3	109	186.0	111.0	32	27	11	18	21
Brunswick	FEL	106	336.4	166.0	12	33	9	21	31	205	361.7	182.0	18	57	27	30	73
	MIS	45	275.8	124.0	10	12	5	6	12	100	138.6	98.0	20	46	9	18	7
Columbus	FEL	41	190.1	124.0	14	6	10	2	9	453	145.8	133.0	91	127	88	132	15
	MIS	48	79.4	53.5	30	10	5	2	1	352	109.6	76.5	154	72	66	46	14
District Totals	FEL	246	218.6	119.0	53	70	58	24	41	815	195.1	128.0	174	220	132	195	94
	MIS	126	161.4	86.5	55	30	13	12	16	561	129.6	91.0	206	145	86	82	42
District 14																	
Durham	FEL	598	168.5	117.0	177	166	55	136	64	1,492	126.2	100.0	413	476	262	297	44
	MIS	206	164.6	92.5	62	54	20	41	29	480	116.6	101.0	113	209	96	54	8
District 15A																	
Alamance	FEL	459	117.4	72.0	166	112	109	60	12	782	121.7	88.0	186	333	148	90	25
	MIS	95	207.9	99.0	28	27	11	15	14	366	99.7	85.0	126	136	64	36	4
District 15B																	
Chatham	FEL	53	73.1	40.0	39	9	0	3	2	95	89.9	70.0	41	26	15	12	1
	MIS	9	55.1	30.0	7	1	1	0	0	22	90.0	56.0	13	4	2	3	0
Orange	FEL	90	85.1	57.5	58	11	10	8	3	446	71.7	51.0	257	111	38	34	6
	MIS	17	79.1	79.0	4	10	3	0	0	77	55.8	47.0	47	25	4	1	0
District Totals	FEL	143	80.7	54.0	97	20	10	11	5	541	74.9	52.0	298	137	53	46	7
	MIS	26	70.8	75.0	11	11	4	0	0	99	63.4	52.0	60	29	6	4	0
District 16																	
Robeson	FEL	177	95.9	46.0	100	34	11	22	10	1,065	85.3	71.0	425	406	158	68	8
	MIS	146	67.3	30.0	96	24	14	10	2	538	107.1	80.0	188	191	84	62	13
Scotland	FEL	128	298.9	123.0	41	21	26	12	28	256	229.3	153.0	42	47	51	76	40
	MIS	159	471.3	268.0	17	15	28	40	59	253	219.1	139.0	70	50	24	63	46
District Totals	FEL	305	181.1	79.0	141	55	37	34	38	1,321	113.2	80.0	467	453	209	144	48
	MIS	305	277.9	121.0	113	39	42	50	61	791	142.9	85.0	258	241	108	125	59
District 17A																	
Caswell	FEL	1	24.0	24.0	1	0	0	0	0	117	53.1	41.0	72	38	5	2	0
	MIS	4	39.0	39.0	4	0	0	0	0	118	70.6	54.0	63	30	23	2	0
Rockingham	FEL	138	89.4	30.0	94	22	8	5	9	693	63.9	48.0	438	181	46	20	8
	MIS	108	119.9	47.0	57	24	11	6	10	650	59.6	47.0	435	143	60	11	1
District Totals	FEL	139	88.9	30.0	95	22	8	5	9	810	62.3	48.0	510	219	51	22	8
	MIS	112	117.0	40.0	61	24	11	6	10	768	61.3	47.0	498	173	83	13	1

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District 17B																	
Stokes	FEL	18	35.6	23.5	14	4	0	0	0	223	90.9	53.0	126	34	27	33	3
	MIS	49	69.3	64.0	23	14	12	0	0	157	101.6	66.0	72	36	20	27	2
Surry	FEL	127	73.8	32.0	76	42	3	2	4	418	120.1	70.0	168	121	39	68	22
	MIS	79	53.1	53.0	44	30	4	1	0	489	80.8	63.0	183	246	28	22	10
District Totals	FEL	145	69.1	32.0	90	46	3	2	4	641	109.9	69.0	294	155	66	101	25
	MIS	128	59.3	53.5	67	44	16	1	0	646	85.9	63.0	255	282	48	49	12
District 18 Guilford																	
Greensboro	FEL	894	202.9	133.0	249	161	183	185	116	2,432	138.9	99.0	685	756	382	410	199
	MIS	216	178.8	111.0	62	50	31	49	24	614	96.3	74.0	208	251	86	59	10
High Point	FEL	429	188.0	151.0	134	56	61	136	42	634	115.2	94.5	152	237	167	61	17
	MIS	138	141.6	54.0	72	17	19	10	20	130	98.2	87.0	36	52	29	12	1
District Totals	FEL	1,323	198.1	136.0	383	217	244	321	158	3,066	134.0	98.0	837	993	549	471	216
	MIS	354	164.3	92.5	134	67	50	59	44	744	96.6	74.0	244	303	115	71	11
District 19A																	
Cabarrus	FEL	215	194.7	110.0	63	46	50	27	29	621	135.7	102.0	151	221	130	82	37
	MIS	272	238.3	118.5	79	57	41	34	61	628	102.4	85.0	185	277	78	78	10
Rowan	FEL	131	69.2	45.0	79	38	6	3	5	532	95.0	55.0	289	137	39	56	11
	MIS	132	84.9	47.0	73	23	11	23	2	549	90.3	50.0	322	110	54	44	19
District Totals	FEL	346	147.2	77.0	142	84	56	30	34	1,153	116.9	82.0	440	358	169	138	48
	MIS	404	188.2	95.0	152	80	52	57	63	1,177	96.8	68.0	507	387	132	122	29
District 19B																	
Montgomery	FEL	220	166.1	152.0	27	0	167	13	13	165	213.6	104.0	42	42	23	32	26
	MIS	91	110.9	58.0	63	0	11	5	12	288	158.7	93.0	92	100	33	34	29
Randolph	FEL	324	283.9	135.0	63	75	95	23	68	531	218.8	156.0	49	121	151	158	52
	MIS	381	129.0	57.0	202	55	35	54	35	717	121.3	88.0	239	233	125	91	29
District Totals	FEL	544	236.3	152.0	90	75	262	36	81	696	217.6	155.0	91	163	174	190	78
	MIS	472	125.5	58.0	265	55	46	59	47	1,005	132.0	91.0	331	333	158	125	58
District 20																	
Anson	FEL	64	127.1	51.0	35	11	1	8	9	225	117.1	84.0	45	94	56	26	4
	MIS	144	158.0	135.0	37	23	43	28	13	205	112.1	98.0	60	70	46	26	3
Moore	FEL	60	128.6	69.5	29	16	1	8	6	476	139.6	54.0	256	144	37	21	18
	MIS	62	100.2	34.5	43	7	3	4	5	329	76.7	56.0	174	94	33	27	1
Richmond	FEL	196	64.5	40.0	178	6	6	2	4	468	75.7	60.0	249	131	63	21	4
	MIS	60	82.2	30.5	44	3	8	3	2	392	90.4	69.0	156	140	58	36	2
Stanly	FEL	61	89.0	54.0	39	16	3	1	2	390	78.7	58.0	201	142	27	13	7
	MIS	56	98.4	76.5	21	22	11	0	2	275	128.1	98.0	55	119	58	36	7
Union	FEL	171	97.1	79.0	48	94	9	13	7	346	69.6	53.0	231	69	27	15	4
	MIS	103	81.1	59.0	53	32	8	9	1	442	66.9	48.0	292	103	22	21	4
District Totals	FEL	552	91.5	51.0	329	143	20	32	28	1,905	96.1	59.0	982	580	210	96	37
	MIS	425	112.4	73.0	198	87	73	44	23	1,643	90.4	64.0	737	526	217	146	17

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District 21																	
Forsyth	FEL	431	45.1	40.0	327	85	6	13	0	2,188	80.7	55.0	1,226	623	151	148	40
	MIS	211	54.0	36.0	155	44	2	9	1	2,179	67.2	42.0	1,523	400	99	118	39
District 22																	
Alexander	FEL	28	126.2	109.0	2	19	2	5	0	60	123.9	96.0	14	26	3	15	2
	MIS	13	228.1	285.0	2	4	0	5	2	114	105.3	70.0	36	58	7	10	3
Davidson	FEL	100	117.6	64.0	48	29	5	6	12	287	131.7	99.0	115	73	34	40	25
	MIS	83	87.7	37.0	45	17	12	4	5	419	54.9	28.0	296	88	17	15	3
Davie	FEL	19	70.2	54.0	11	8	0	0	0	42	85.8	79.0	12	21	7	2	0
	MIS	35	75.3	81.0	13	18	3	1	0	112	78.6	56.0	62	32	12	5	1
Iredell	FEL	159	139.1	113.0	36	73	16	22	12	370	132.5	104.0	112	102	59	87	10
	MIS	95	89.5	67.0	44	39	2	7	3	370	80.3	48.0	216	83	24	45	2
District Totals	FEL	306	126.6	103.0	97	129	23	33	24	759	128.9	98.0	253	222	103	144	37
	MIS	226	94.6	74.0	104	78	17	17	10	1,015	72.4	48.0	610	261	60	75	9
District 23																	
Alleghany	FEL	56	100.4	59.0	36	9	1	8	2	27	169.5	125.0	7	5	7	5	3
	MIS	8	162.6	186.0	2	1	1	4	0	17	64.1	34.0	10	6	0	1	0
Ashe	FEL	38	150.8	80.0	12	14	6	2	4	41	161.3	69.0	17	11	0	7	6
	MIS	51	277.8	184.0	2	9	13	16	11	47	162.7	153.0	10	9	10	17	1
Wilkes	FEL	71	268.3	120.0	25	14	3	14	15	163	141.1	97.0	57	38	32	25	11
	MIS	148	208.4	105.5	62	31	19	19	17	320	114.7	85.5	125	99	45	35	16
Yadkin	FEL	86	144.4	101.0	15	31	31	2	7	95	100.5	105.0	23	39	30	2	1
	MIS	55	120.9	108.0	17	16	12	9	1	175	74.8	66.0	78	62	31	2	2
District Totals	FEL	251	170.6	94.0	88	68	41	26	28	326	134.2	97.0	104	93	69	39	21
	MIS	262	202.1	120.0	83	57	45	48	29	559	104.7	75.0	223	176	86	55	19
District 24																	
Avery	FEL	38	379.9	198.5	1	11	2	8	16	77	137.5	80.0	29	17	17	10	4
	MIS	8	398.1	155.0	0	3	2	1	2	19	85.1	68.0	9	7	2	0	1
Madison	FEL	51	279.4	304.0	6	0	2	28	15	83	106.6	84.0	27	37	9	4	6
	MIS	12	385.8	67.5	5	2	0	0	5	10	160.8	151.0	3	1	2	4	0
Mitchell	FEL	27	125.2	57.0	16	4	2	3	2	43	237.6	166.0	8	1	16	10	8
	MIS	4	283.0	278.0	0	0	1	2	1	11	139.1	129.0	4	1	3	2	1
Watauga	FEL	180	68.3	47.0	134	34	7	4	1	203	119.3	89.0	72	71	33	18	9
	MIS	9	111.8	106.0	3	2	3	1	0	33	120.4	58.0	17	9	4	0	3
Yancey	FEL	39	192.9	144.0	5	0	22	9	3	16	59.6	24.5	12	0	2	2	0
	MIS	28	213.8	78.0	9	6	1	7	5	20	203.2	135.0	4	3	7	3	3
District Totals	FEL	335	154.9	75.0	162	49	35	52	37	422	129.9	87.0	148	126	77	44	27
	MIS	61	261.3	135.0	17	13	7	11	13	93	137.6	76.0	37	21	18	9	8

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District 25																	
Burke	FEL	109	145.6	88.0	47	24	23	5	10	434	184.8	145.0	86	91	98	89	70
	MIS	116	149.2	99.0	37	41	5	24	9	264	146.4	105.0	76	71	44	53	20
Caldwell	FEL	176	150.6	86.0	48	59	38	12	19	488	119.1	110.0	80	187	158	60	3
	MIS	66	107.3	110.0	20	34	5	4	3	194	82.1	66.0	84	83	16	9	2
Catawba	FEL	206	83.8	73.0	88	89	5	18	6	638	145.0	100.0	140	231	148	83	36
	MIS	127	94.5	44.0	75	33	4	4	11	432	111.1	101.0	103	214	70	34	11
District Totals	FEL	491	121.5	74.0	183	172	66	35	35	1,560	148.0	113.5	306	509	404	232	109
	MIS	309	117.8	75.0	132	108	14	32	23	890	115.2	92.0	263	368	130	96	33
District 26																	
Mecklenburg	FEL	1,269	194.4	108.0	414	247	227	211	170	2,915	176.6	137.0	435	791	627	831	231
	MIS	420	240.5	74.0	190	114	20	29	67	884	98.3	62.5	424	283	103	45	29
District 27A																	
Gaston	FEL	241	99.2	89.0	87	105	34	10	5	1,057	86.4	67.0	447	385	128	79	18
	MIS	189	95.1	64.0	91	55	22	9	12	515	72.5	41.0	333	93	45	33	11
District 27B																	
Cleveland	FEL	127	95.9	64.0	62	29	27	6	3	354	80.2	63.0	169	127	38	16	4
	MIS	89	91.8	65.0	43	32	7	4	3	204	66.8	49.5	133	51	11	6	3
Lincoln	FEL	39	113.3	101.0	12	8	14	5	0	270	160.2	136.0	57	74	14	125	0
	MIS	60	101.7	66.0	28	20	4	2	6	90	76.9	62.0	41	31	9	9	0
District Totals	FEL	166	100.0	74.0	74	37	41	11	3	624	114.8	77.0	226	201	52	141	4
	MIS	149	95.8	65.0	71	52	11	6	9	294	69.9	52.0	174	82	20	15	3
District 28																	
Buncombe	FEL	334	161.4	85.0	102	123	30	41	38	1,016	112.4	88.0	284	441	178	86	27
	MIS	87	177.4	65.0	39	19	11	4	14	308	83.3	54.0	166	89	26	22	5
District 29																	
Henderson	FEL	191	170.1	87.0	79	40	39	17	16	443	95.4	72.0	170	190	31	34	18
	MIS	83	151.6	80.0	39	19	7	14	4	114	131.2	74.0	44	36	11	14	9
McDowell	FEL	34	127.9	30.0	20	2	1	8	3	210	150.0	77.0	73	53	28	41	15
	MIS	32	62.2	34.5	17	11	2	2	0	121	76.4	55.0	66	34	11	10	0
Polk	FEL	19	210.9	158.0	0	2	10	7	0	65	289.0	173.0	12	12	13	11	17
	MIS	11	356.1	129.0	5	0	3	0	3	28	186.3	156.0	6	7	4	9	2
Rutherford	FEL	123	99.2	54.0	63	32	13	7	8	527	121.5	64.0	173	191	86	49	28
	MIS	76	99.3	66.0	34	21	10	10	1	258	103.5	83.0	108	59	53	29	9
Transylvania	FEL	43	209.8	103.0	3	20	12	1	7	104	187.4	101.0	30	38	10	19	7
	MIS	21	154.0	198.0	7	3	0	11	0	62	273.6	74.5	24	17	4	8	9
District Totals	FEL	410	151.4	87.0	165	96	75	40	34	1,349	130.5	74.0	458	484	168	154	85
	MIS	223	131.3	74.0	102	54	22	37	8	583	125.4	72.0	248	153	83	70	29

AGES OF FELONY (FEL) AND MISDEMEANOR (MIS) CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/84 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1983-84

					Ages of Pending Cases (Days)								Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)				
		Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	>365	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	>365
District 30																	
Cherokee	FEL	60	174.7	73.0	8	26	4	14	8	85	122.9	104.0	8	51	3	21	2
	MIS	30	194.0	137.5	11	3	5	5	6	119	165.3	161.0	3	50	11	50	5
Clay	FEL	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	10	332.7	328.0	0	3	0	3	4
	MIS	12	63.1	61.0	6	5	1	0	0	28	141.2	131.0	4	9	10	4	1
Graham	FEL	30	67.7	36.0	24	0	2	3	1	38	218.4	171.5	2	7	10	15	4
	MIS	12	232.5	251.0	4	1	0	4	3	16	316.6	251.5	0	3	2	6	5
Haywood	FEL	222	216.6	110.0	61	59	25	48	29	386	247.0	81.0	128	95	48	74	41
	MIS	129	183.0	129.0	30	26	26	32	15	190	188.3	148.5	35	47	25	67	16
Jackson	FEL	70	99.0	36.0	37	7	13	13	0	117	204.5	170.0	25	13	26	40	13
	MIS	17	119.5	93.0	6	5	3	2	1	68	168.3	155.0	18	9	14	20	7
Macon	FEL	40	336.8	150.5	11	5	10	9	5	112	205.0	111.0	28	38	19	15	12
	MIS	17	228.9	74.0	8	3	2	1	3	40	332.4	116.0	13	7	4	7	9
Swain	FEL	17	266.2	277.0	5	1	0	8	3	40	52.0	53.0	20	14	6	0	0
	MIS	18	261.8	304.0	4	2	0	8	4	35	160.7	117.0	6	14	5	7	3
District Totals	FEL	439	194.8	96.0	146	98	54	95	46	788	211.1	107.0	211	221	112	168	76
	MIS	235	185.6	124.0	69	45	37	52	32	496	191.2	148.0	79	139	71	161	46
State Totals	FEL	14,400	156.5	89.0	5,355	3,404	2,241	2,047	1,353	41,698	120.8	80.0	15,435	12,424	6,075	5,878	1,886
	MIS	7,948	145.1	78.0	3,335	1,932	925	1,060	696	25,311	97.5	65.0	11,740	7,410	2,882	2,557	722

PART IV, Section 2

District Court Division
Caseflow Data

The District Court Division

This section contains data tables and accompanying charts depicting the caseflow in 1983-84 of cases filed and disposed of in the State's district courts, including those handled by magistrates.

When the plaintiff in a civil case requests, and the amount in controversy does not exceed $1,000, the case may be classified as a "small claim" civil action and assigned to a magistrate for hearing. Magistrates also have certain criminal case jurisdiction. They may accept written appearance and waiver of trial, with plea of guilty, and enter judgment in accord with the schedule of fines promulgated by chief district judges for traffic offenses; and effective July 1, 1984, for boating, hunting and fishing offenses. Also, magistrates may accept guilty pleas in other misdemeanor cases where the sentence cannot be in excess of 30 days or $50 fine; and may hear and enter judgment in worthless check cases where the amount involved is $500 or less, and any prison sentence imposed does not exceed 30 days.

Appeals from magistrates' judgments in both civil and criminal cases are to the district court, with a district court judge presiding.

This section contains data on three major case classifications in the district court division: civil cases, juvenile proceedings, and criminal cases. Civil cases include cases assigned to magistrates (small claims as defined above), domestic relations cases (chiefly concerned with annulments, divorces, alimony, custody and support of children), and "general civil" cases. Juvenile proceedings are classified in accordance with the nature of the offense or condition alleged in the petition which initiates the case. District court criminal cases are divided into motor vehicle cases (where the offense charged is defined in Chapter 20 of the North Carolina General Statutes) and non-motor criminal cases.

Consistent with previous years, the pie charts on the following page illustrate that district court criminal cases filed and disposed of in the 1983-84 year greatly outnumbered civil cases. Motor vehicle criminal cases accounted for fifty-three per cent of total filings and dispositions, and the non-motor vehicle criminal cases accounted for about twenty-six per cent. As in past years, the greatest portion of district court civil filings and dispositions were small claims referred to magistrates.

The large volume categories of criminal motor-vehicle and civil magistrate cases are not reported to AOC by case file numbers. Therefore, it is not possible to obtain, by computer processing, the numbers of pending cases as of a given date or the ages of cases pending and ages of cases at disposition. These categories of cases are processed through the courts faster than any others, thus explaining the decision not to allocate personnel and computer resource to reporting these cases in the detail that is provided for other categories of cases.

Also, juvenile proceedings and hearings on commitment or recommitment of persons to the State's mental hospital facilities are not reported to AOC by case file numbers.

Two tables are provided on juvenile proceedings: offenses and conditions alleged, and numbers of adjudicatory hearings held.

Data on district court hearings for mental hospital commitments and recommitments is reported in Part III, "Cost and Case Data on Representation of Indigents."

Ages of district court cases pending on June 30, 1984, and ages of cases disposed of during 1983-84 are reported for the general civil and domestic relations and for the criminal non-motor vehicle case categories.

The table for general civil and domestic relations cases shows that the median age of such cases which were pending on June 30, 1984, was 156 days, compared with a median age of 150 days for cases pending on June 30, 1983. The median age of cases in this category at the time of disposition during 1983-84 was 64.5 days, compared with a median age of 68 days at the time of disposition during 1982-83.

For district court non-motor vehicle criminal cases, the median age for cases pending on June 30, 1984, was 44 days comapred with a median age of 59 days for cases pending on June 30, 1983. The median age of cases in this category at the time of disposition during 1983-84 was 26 days compared with a median age of 24 days at the time of disposition during 1982-83.

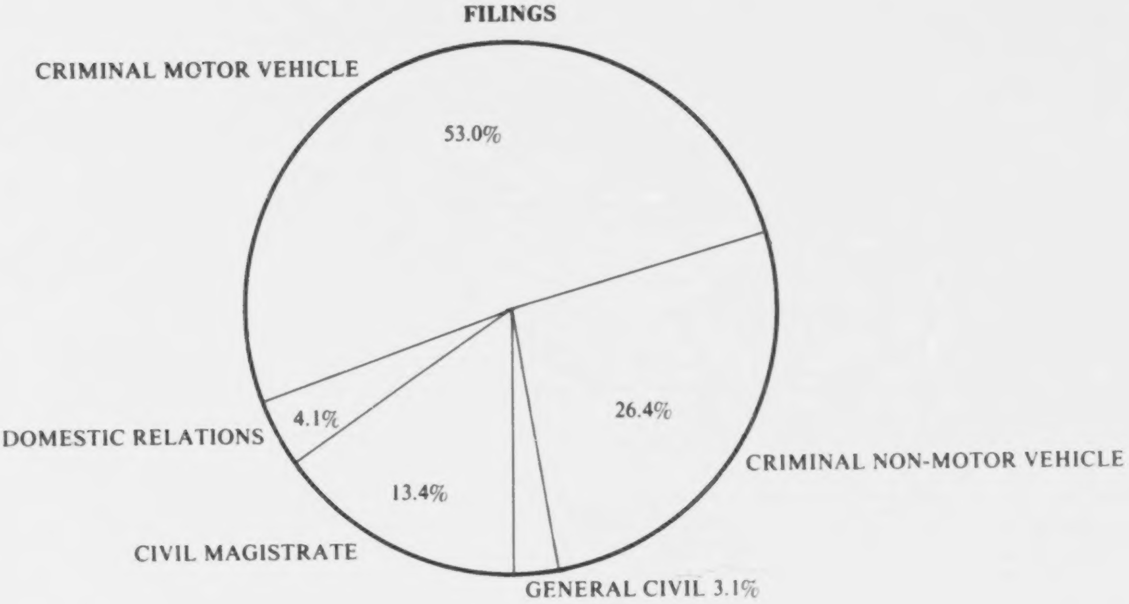
The Statewide total district court filings during 1983-84, not including juvenile cases and mental hospital commitment hearings, was 1,450,179 cases, compared with 1,445,571 during 1982-83, an increase of 4,608 (0.2%). All of this increase came in the motor vehicle criminal case category where filings in 1982-83 amounted to 728,517 cases compared to 768,403 cases filed in 1983-84, an increase of 39,886 (5.5%) cases. On the other hand, there was a decrease of 19,735 cases (4.9%) in the non-motor vehicle criminal case category.

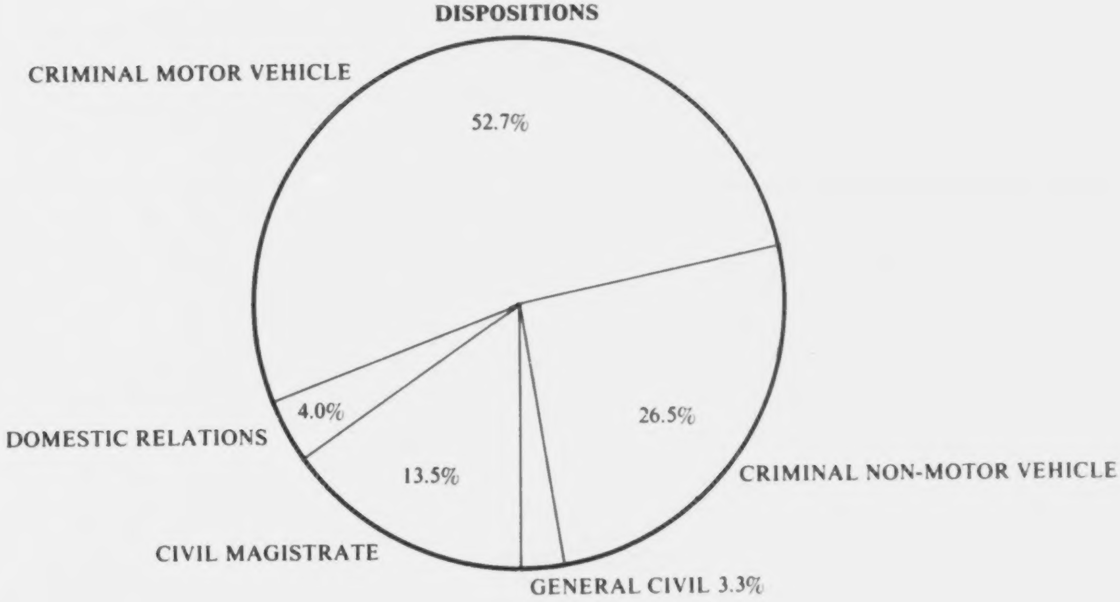
There also was a decrease (5.5%) in district court civil case filings, from a total of 316,539 in 1982-83 to 298,996 in 1983-84. Most of this decrease was in civil magistrate filings, from 206,163 cases in 1982-83 to 194,321 cases in 1983-84. In the domestic relations category, there was a small decrease of 248 cases in 1983-84 compared to the number in 1982-83.

The changes from year-to-year in the individual case categories are not unusual. The over-all trend for *total* district court case filings over the past several years has been upward. This upward trend is reflected in the total 1983-84 district court case filings.

FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

1983-84

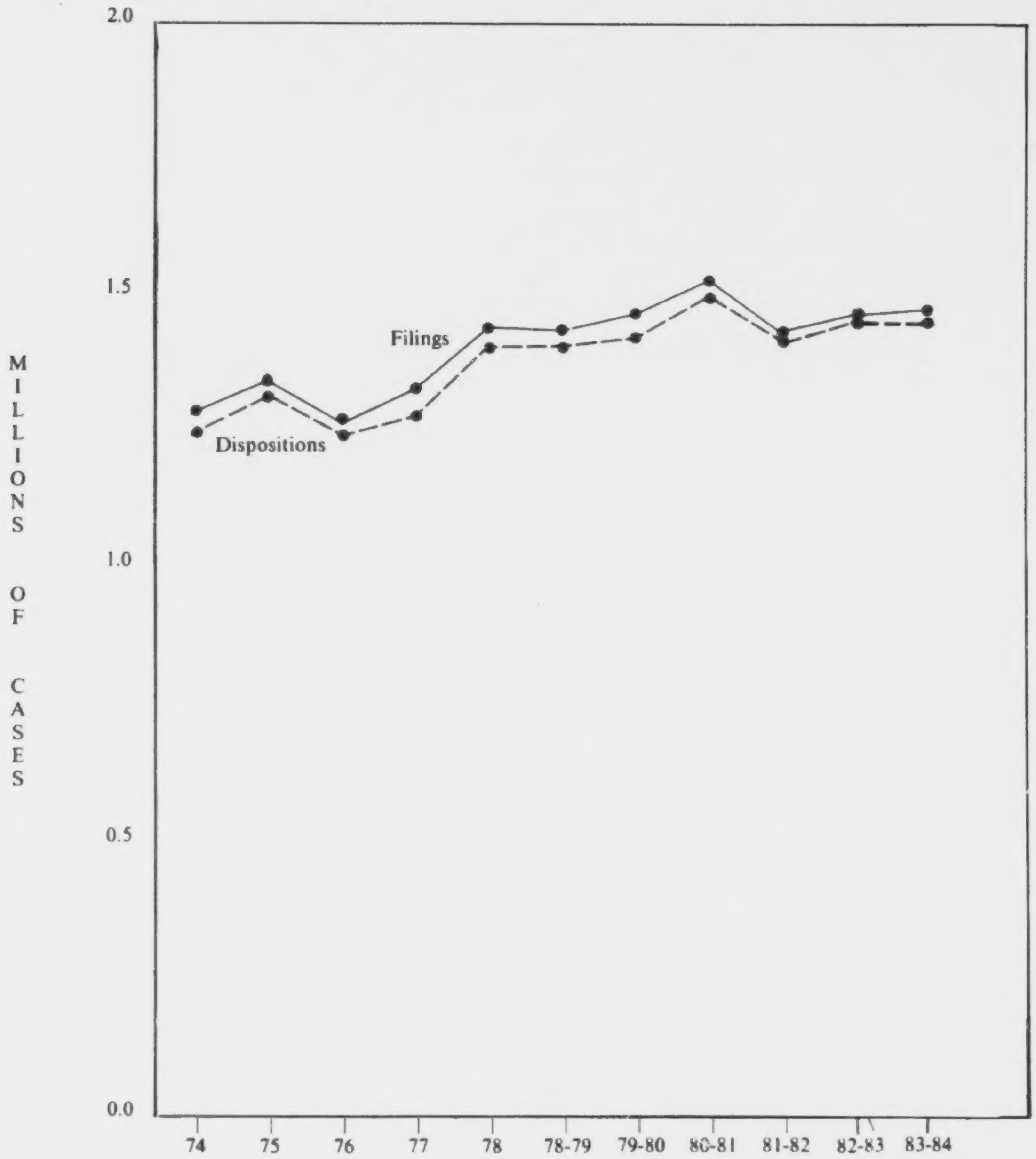




Criminal cases, both motor vehicle and non-motor vehicle, dominate the district court caseload; 79.4% of all district court filings and 79.2% of all district court dispositions during fiscal year 1983-84 were criminal cases.

FILING AND DISPOSITION TRENDS IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

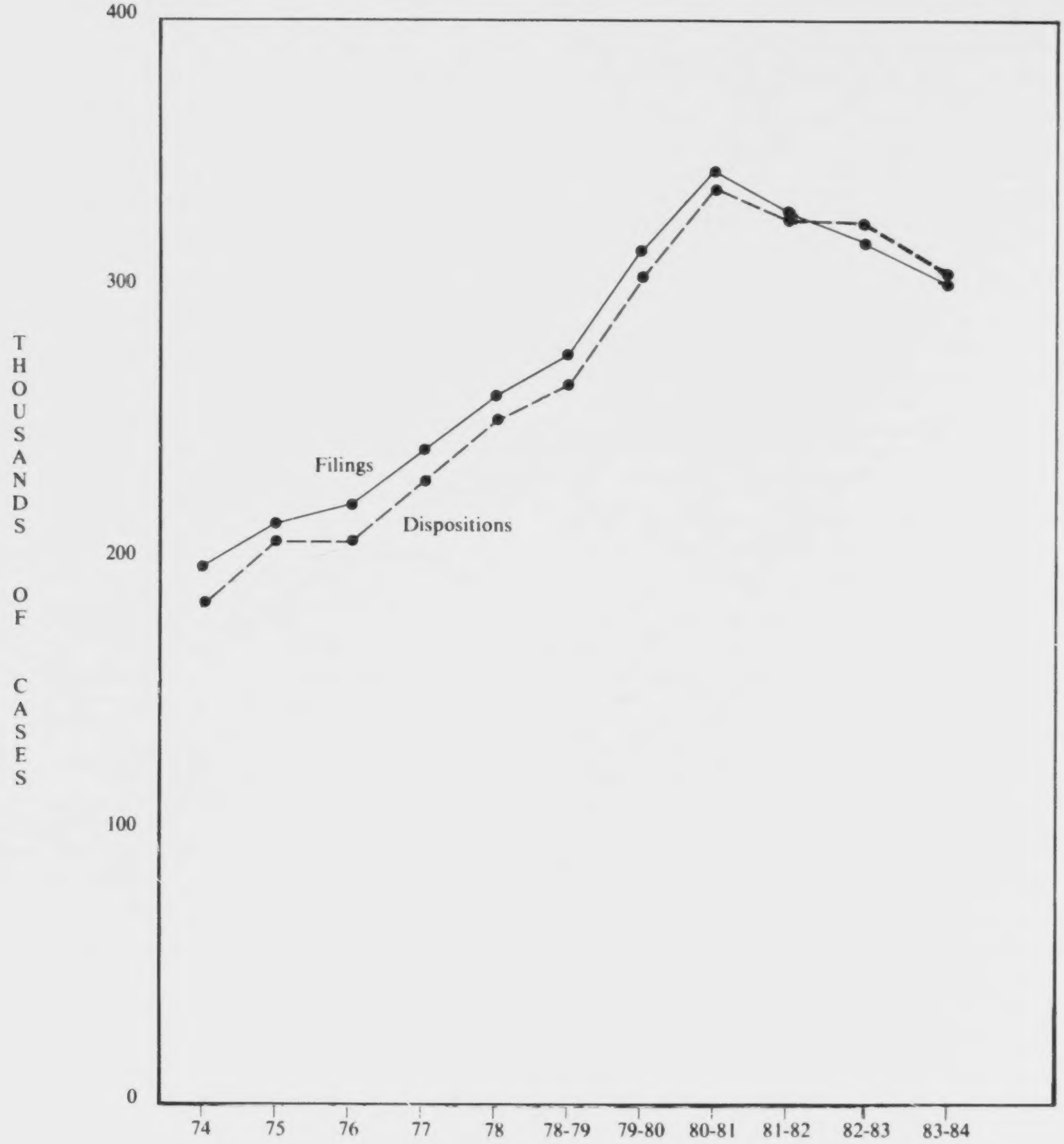
1974 — 1983-84



All civil and criminal case filings and dispositions for the last decade, including traffic offenses and civil magistrate cases, are included in the above graph. The increase in filings and dispositions for fiscal year 1983-84 is due to a 5.5% increase in filings and a 5.8% increase in dispositions for motor vehicle cases.

FILING AND DISPOSITION TRENDS OF CIVIL DISTRICT COURT CASES

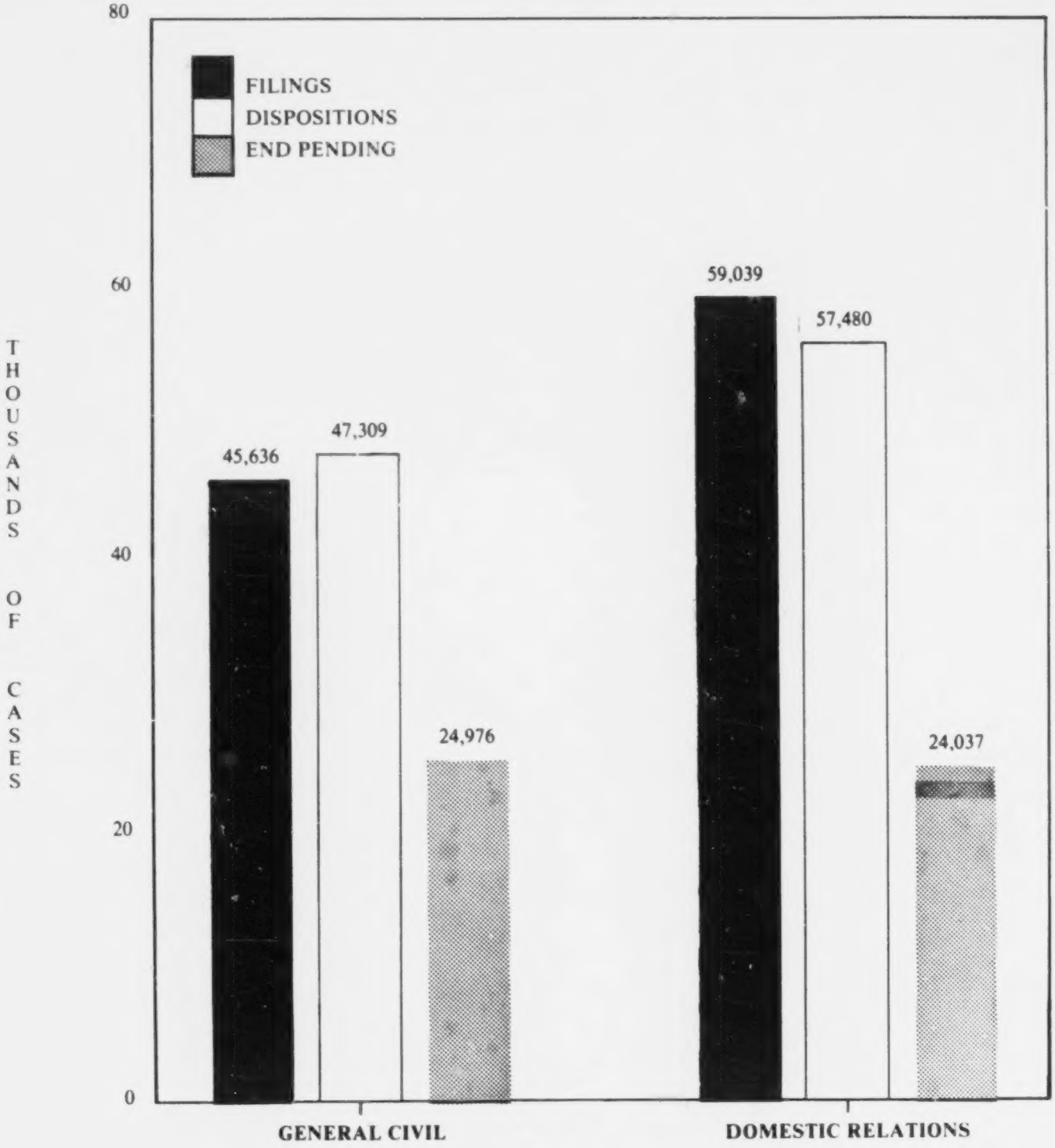
1974 — 1983-84



District court civil filings and dispositions have been declining for the last three years in contrast to the previous upward trend. During year 1983-84, general civil filings decreased by 10.7%, domestic relations filings decreased by 0.4%, and civil magistrate filings decreased by 5.8%.

GENERAL CIVIL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

1983-1984



General civil case dispositions exceeded filings by 1,673, producing a decrease by the same number in cases pending at the end of the year. Domestic relations filings exceeded dispositions by 1,559, resulting in the same increase in the number of such cases pending at year end.

CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR GENERAL CIVIL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984

		Filings						
	Pending 7/1/83	Total	General Civil	Domestic Relations	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/84
District 1								
Camden	13	42	11	31	55	37	67.3	18
Chowan	152	194	67	127	346	236	68.2	110
Currituck	66	149	48	101	215	160	74.4	55
Dare	143	267	126	141	410	268	65.4	142
Gates	40	75	19	56	115	82	71.3	33
Pasquotank	239	440	155	285	679	472	69.5	207
Perquimans	42	111	31	80	153	97	63.4	56
District Totals	695	1,278	457	821	1,973	1,352	68.5	621
District 2								
Beaufort	240	555	174	381	795	508	63.9	287
Hyde	33	73	18	55	106	56	52.8	50
Martin	189	362	76	286	551	377	68.4	174
Tyrrell	26	36	19	17	62	49	79.0	13
Washington	92	256	64	192	348	286	82.2	62
District Totals	580	1,282	351	931	1,862	1,276	68.5	586
District 3								
Carteret	405	759	282	477	1,164	670	57.6	494
Craven	713	1,648	691	957	2,361	1,504	63.7	857
Pamlico	80	118	28	90	198	103	52.0	95
Pitt	736	1,184	495	689	1,920	1,337	69.6	583
District Totals	1,934	3,709	1,496	2,213	5,643	3,614	64.0	2,029
District 4								
Duplin	250	491	198	293	741	525	70.8	216
Jones	71	109	28	81	180	100	55.6	80
Onslow	1,105	1,842	651	1,191	2,947	1,628	55.2	1,319
Sampson	308	717	297	420	1,025	786	76.7	239
District Totals	1,734	3,159	1,174	1,985	4,893	3,039	62.1	1,854
District 5								
New Hanover	2,073	3,122	1,844	1,278	5,195	3,021	58.2	2,174
Pender	214	403	145	258	617	351	56.9	266
District Totals	2,287	3,525	1,989	1,536	5,812	3,372	58.0	2,440
District 6								
Bertie	98	302	72	230	400	302	75.5	98
Halifax	162	994	187	807	1,156	834	72.1	322
Hertford	167	495	248	247	662	482	72.8	180
Northampton	81	293	43	250	374	301	80.5	73
District Totals	508	2,084	550	1,534	2,592	1,919	74.0	673
District 7								
Edgecombe	627	950	258	692	1,577	869	55.1	708
Nash	685	1,062	358	704	1,747	1,081	61.9	666
Wilson	677	1,231	400	831	1,908	1,103	57.8	805
District Totals	1,989	3,243	1,016	2,227	5,232	3,053	58.4	2,179
District 8								
Greene	39	110	17	93	149	121	81.2	28
Lenoir	537	1,227	407	820	1,764	1,301	73.8	463
Wayne	1,076	1,906	787	1,119	2,982	2,192	73.5	790
District Totals	1,652	3,243	1,211	2,032	4,895	3,614	73.8	1,281

CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR GENERAL CIVIL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984

	Pending 7/1/83	Filings			Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/84
		Total	General Civil	Domestic Relations				
District 9								
Franklin	170	327	237	90	497	342	68.8	155
Granville	155	361	128	233	516	345	66.9	171
Person	151	401	163	238	552	387	70.1	165
Vance	210	514	97	417	724	508	70.2	216
Warren	74	414	88	326	488	408	83.6	80
District Totals	760	2,017	713	1,304	2,777	1,990	71.7	787
District 10								
Wake	3,867	7,479	4,782	2,697	11,346	7,858	69.2	3,488
District 11								
Harnett	326	976	505	471	1,302	994	76.3	308
Johnston	474	1,713	987	726	2,187	1,655	75.7	532
Lee	405	1,059	721	338	1,464	1,049	71.6	415
District Totals	1,205	3,748	2,213	1,535	4,953	3,698	74.7	1,255
District 12								
Cumberland	3,204	5,025	1,211	3,814	8,229	5,164	62.8	3,065
Hoke	111	288	104	184	399	306	76.7	93
District Totals	3,315	5,313	1,315	3,998	8,628	5,470	63.4	3,158
District 13								
Bladen	128	507	302	205	635	494	77.8	141
Brunswick	330	828	465	363	1,158	691	59.7	467
Columbus	470	1,014	388	626	1,484	1,057	71.2	427
District Totals	928	2,349	1,155	1,194	3,277	2,242	68.4	1,035
District 14								
Durham	1,504	2,929	1,256	1,673	4,433	2,553	57.6	1,880
District 15A								
Alamance	418	1,624	609	1,015	2,042	1,599	78.3	443
District 15B								
Chatham	168	333	108	225	501	284	56.7	217
Orange	607	866	447	419	1,473	741	50.3	732
District Totals	775	1,199	555	644	1,974	1,025	51.9	949
District 16								
Robeson	951	2,114	1,105	1,009	3,065	2,172	70.8	893
Scotland	261	440	122	318	701	528	75.3	173
District Totals	1,212	2,554	1,227	1,327	3,766	2,700	71.7	1,066
District 17A								
Caswell	94	219	51	168	313	223	71.2	90
Rockingham	374	1,175	343	832	1,549	1,187	76.6	362
District Totals	468	1,394	394	1,000	1,862	1,410	75.7	452
District 17B								
Stokes	96	253	86	167	349	243	69.6	106
Surry	399	816	333	483	1,215	904	74.4	311
District Totals	495	1,069	419	650	1,564	1,147	73.3	417
District 18								
Guilford	3,159	7,286	3,762	3,524	10,445	7,505	71.8	2,940

CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR GENERAL CIVIL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984

		Filings						
	Pending 7/1/83	Total	General Civil	Domestic Relations	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/84
District 19A								
Cabarrus	748	1,322	472	850	2,070	1,348	65.1	722
Rowan	368	1,268	457	811	1,636	1,100	67.2	536
District Totals	1,116	2,590	929	1,661	3,706	2,448	66.0	1,258
District 19B								
Montgomery	139	310	262	48	449	235	52.3	214
Randolph	281	942	307	635	1,223	922	75.4	301
District Totals	420	1,252	569	683	1,672	1,157	69.2	515
District 20								
Anson	190	334	100	234	524	389	74.2	135
Moore	454	763	361	402	1,217	720	59.2	497
Richmond	640	643	215	428	1,283	481	37.5	802
Stanly	313	653	286	367	966	557	57.7	409
Union	455	942	371	571	1,397	846	60.6	551
District Totals	2,052	3,335	1,333	2,002	5,387	2,993	55.6	2,394
District 21								
Forsyth	2,263	5,560	2,908	2,652	7,823	5,634	72.0	2,189
District 22								
Alexander	69	227	48	179	296	215	72.6	81
Davidson	484	1,270	443	827	1,754	1,398	79.7	356
Davie	176	257	83	174	433	221	51.0	212
Iredell	513	1,196	594	602	1,709	1,243	72.7	466
District Totals	1,242	2,950	1,168	1,782	4,192	3,077	73.4	1,115
District 23								
Alleghany	50	134	55	79	184	141	76.6	43
Ashe	85	240	96	144	325	251	77.2	74
Wilkes	288	1,181	773	408	1,469	1,154	78.6	315
Yadkin	118	290	96	194	408	290	71.1	118
District Totals	541	1,845	1,020	825	2,386	1,836	76.9	550
District 24								
Avery	117	215	98	117	332	210	63.2	122
Madison	71	166	69	97	237	162	68.4	75
Mitchell	60	160	70	90	220	173	78.6	47
Watauga	222	488	265	223	710	490	69.0	220
Yancey	64	126	50	76	190	130	68.4	60
District Totals	534	1,155	552	603	1,689	1,165	69.0	524
District 25								
Burke	515	998	456	542	1,513	1,133	74.9	380
Caldwell	579	1,048	470	578	1,627	1,100	67.6	527
Catawba	835	1,931	744	1,187	2,766	1,880	67.9	886
District Totals	1,929	3,977	1,670	2,307	5,906	4,113	69.6	1,793
District 26								
Mecklenburg	4,515	10,702	5,482	5,220	15,217	11,183	73.5	4,034
District 27A								
Gaston	1,073	2,503	628	1,875	3,576	2,584	72.2	992

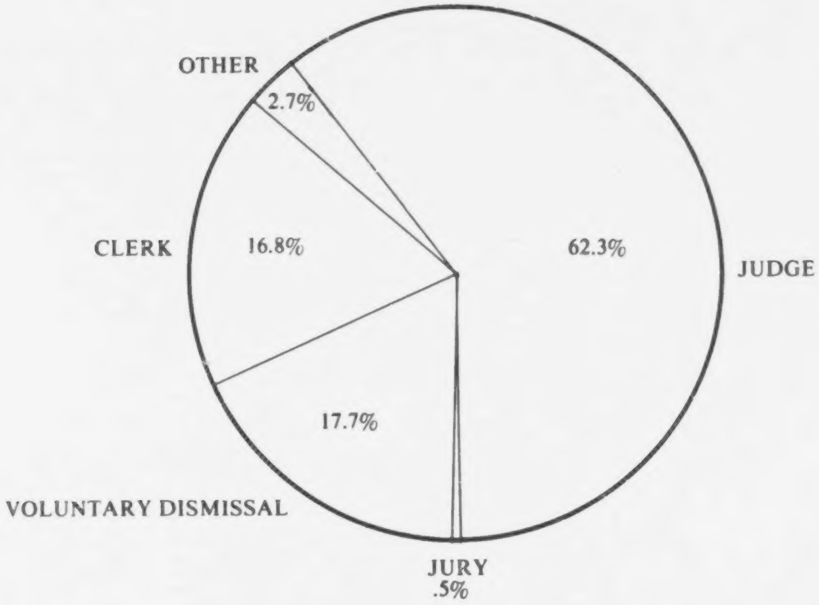
CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR GENERAL CIVIL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984

		Filings						
	Pending 7/1/83	Total	General Civil	Domestic Relations	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/84
District 27B								
Cleveland	347	1,001	304	697	1,348	897	66.5	451
Lincoln	168	502	142	360	670	550	82.1	120
District Totals	515	1,503	446	1,057	2,018	1,447	71.7	571
District 28								
Buncombe	1,207	2,848	1,082	1,766	4,055	3,052	75.2	1,003
District 29								
Henderson	619	789	242	547	1,408	662	47.0	746
McDowell	135	431	125	306	566	389	68.7	177
Polk	55	117	32	85	172	135	78.5	37
Rutherford	252	562	153	409	814	527	64.7	287
Transylvania	170	330	120	210	500	295	59.0	205
District Totals	1,231	2,229	672	1,557	3,460	2,008	58.0	1,452
District 30								
Cherokee	163	202	12	190	365	199	54.5	166
Clay	29	58	0	58	87	64	73.6	23
Graham	37	80	16	64	117	77	65.8	40
Haywood	369	693	246	447	1,062	639	60.1	423
Jackson	156	295	100	195	451	321	71.2	130
Macon	127	254	103	151	381	215	56.4	166
Swain	123	160	56	104	283	141	49.8	142
District Totals	1,004	1,742	533	1,209	2,746	1,656	44.2	1,090
State Totals	49,127	104,675	45,636	59,039	153,802	104,789	68.1	49,013

METHODS OF DISPOSITION OF DISTRICT COURT GENERAL CIVIL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES

1983-1984



The majority of civil district cases, excluding civil magistrate cases, are disposed of by judges. Only 492 jury trials were held in district courts for civil cases during the 1983-84 year.

MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF GENERAL CIVIL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984

		General Civil					Domestic Relations				
	Total Dispositions	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
District 1											
Camden	37	2	0	3	5	1	22	0	0	4	0
Chowan	236	10	1	30	65	7	115	0	0	5	3
Currituck	160	18	0	8	18	5	82	0	1	25	3
Dare	268	39	0	33	53	7	111	1	0	20	4
Gates	82	10	2	5	9	1	37	0	0	7	11
Pasquotank	472	41	1	52	74	1	263	0	3	32	5
Perquimans	97	2	0	8	5	2	67	0	0	8	5
District Totals	1,352	122	4	139	229	24	697	1	4	101	31
District 2											
Beaufort	508	48	5	52	41	11	337	0	1	8	5
Hyde	56	6	0	1	4	0	42	0	0	3	0
Martin	377	41	2	36	11	11	266	0	0	7	3
Tyrrell	49	2	0	16	7	0	23	0	0	1	0
Washington	286	14	3	7	12	22	106	0	1	13	108
District Totals	1,276	111	10	112	75	44	774	0	2	32	116
District 3											
Carteret	670	75	5	104	69	8	365	1	1	35	7
Craven	1,504	152	3	298	201	24	609	2	6	53	156
Pamlico	103	4	0	6	5	3	72	0	2	5	6
Pitt	1,337	167	6	204	192	9	675	0	3	66	15
District Totals	3,614	398	14	612	467	44	1,721	3	12	159	184
District 4											
Duplin	525	81	3	71	66	5	263	0	8	20	8
Jones	100	11	0	9	15	0	57	0	0	8	0
Onslow	1,628	331	1	76	99	29	966	0	12	80	34
Sampson	786	103	2	94	113	1	374	0	2	85	12
District Totals	3,039	526	6	250	293	35	1,660	0	22	193	54
District 5											
New Hanover	3,021	542	14	845	387	5	1,109	3	18	71	27
Pender	351	29	6	27	57	2	201	0	0	19	10
District Totals	3,372	571	20	872	444	7	1,310	3	18	90	37
District 6											
Bertie	302	31	1	43	10	5	184	0	11	12	4
Halifax	834	71	2	57	45	1	625	6	6	15	6
Hertford	482	31	2	148	76	10	198	2	2	11	2
Northampton	301	49	0	19	17	3	198	0	1	11	3
District Totals	1,919	182	5	267	148	20	1,205	8	20	49	15
District 7											
Edgecombe	869	61	3	94	62	4	614	0	0	14	17
Nash	1,081	78	6	174	104	27	622	0	22	32	16
Wilson	1,103	74	4	161	93	1	727	0	15	26	2
District Totals	3,053	213	13	429	259	32	1,963	0	37	72	35
District 8											
Greene	121	10	0	1	1	4	87	0	10	2	6
Lenoir	1,301	198	10	157	106	13	738	0	7	72	0
Wayne	2,192	287	12	266	415	1	1,026	2	21	155	7
District Totals	3,614	495	22	424	522	18	1,851	2	38	229	13

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	Total Dispositions	General Civil					Domestic Relations				
		Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
District 9											
Franklin	342	169	0	8	68	12	72	0	0	10	3
Granville	345	49	1	26	43	0	161	0	43	21	1
Person	387	58	1	46	39	0	225	0	2	16	0
Vance	508	34	0	19	42	4	220	0	6	21	162
Warren	408	55	1	9	15	1	316	1	1	5	4
District Totals	1,990	365	3	108	207	17	[illegible]	1	52	73	170
District 10											
Wake	7,858	2,141	16	1,766	1,292	123	2,332	2	13	168	5
District 11											
Harnett	994	180	9	148	179	5	412	1	6	50	4
Johnston	1,655	505	5	211	235	13	581	0	5	80	20
Lee	1,049	163	3	292	189	63	293	0	1	42	3
District Totals	3,698	848	17	651	603	81	1,286	1	12	172	27
District 12											
Cumberland	5,164	404	3	535	363	2	3,106	2	248	457	44
Hoke	306	22	0	56	32	7	82	0	12	15	80
District Totals	5,470	426	3	591	395	9	3,188	2	260	472	124
District 13											
Bladen	494	59	2	142	93	3	171	1	5	17	1
Brunswick	591	107	2	57	167	8	308	0	0	37	5
Columbus	1,057	121	17	113	131	1	576	2	2	94	0
District Totals	2,242	287	21	312	391	12	1,055	3	7	148	6
District 14											
Durham	2,553	246	6	527	311	17	1,324	1	13	63	45
District 15A											
Alamance	1,599	171	11	199	179	40	706	3	9	94	187
District 15B											
Chatham	284	24	3	36	16	10	179	1	2	6	7
Orange	741	140	3	132	116	9	295	1	22	20	3
District Totals	1,025	164	6	168	132	19	474	2	24	26	10
District 16											
Robeson	2,172	203	4	533	328	20	995	4	7	75	3
Scotland	528	85	3	61	37	9	301	0	3	12	17
District Totals	2,700	288	7	594	365	29	1,296	4	10	87	20
District 17A											
Caswell	223	19	0	22	15	0	145	0	1	8	13
Rockingham	1,187	71	3	174	112	0	723	1	6	72	25
District Totals	1,410	90	3	196	127	0	868	1	7	80	38
District 17B											
Stokes	243	19	2	23	23	9	138	0	2	23	4
Surry	904	90	2	192	96	0	464	0	15	44	1
District Totals	1,147	109	4	215	119	9	602	0	17	67	5
District 18											
Guilford	7,505	1,228	31	1,546	1,247	26	3,142	2	27	205	51

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		Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
District 19A											
Cabarrus	1,348	144	7	165	203	5	700	1	5	90	28
Rowan	1,100	152	1	113	98	1	673	1	2	59	0
District Totals	2,448	296	8	278	301	6	1,373	2	7	149	28
District 19B											
Montgomery	235	134	0	23	36	0	39	0	0	3	0
Randolph	922	77	1	167	58	0	552	0	2	42	23
District Totals	1,157	211	1	190	94	0	591	0	2	45	23
District 20											
Anson	389	26	0	46	56	3	217	0	6	34	1
Moore	720	136	4	95	84	9	340	0	4	40	8
Richmond	481	36	0	51	27	1	320	0	12	18	16
Stanly	557	135	0	1	87	13	274	0	0	34	13
Union	846	97	13	119	120	6	452	1	6	31	1
District Totals	2,993	430	17	312	374	32	1,603	1	28	157	39
District 21											
Forsyth	5,634	721	15	1,119	1,156	32	2,295	4	37	217	38
District 22											
Alexander	215	15	0	22	15	1	144	0	3	15	0
Davidson	1,398	188	3	137	172	3	773	3	7	51	61
Davie	221	20	1	17	19	12	88	0	4	25	35
Iredell	1,243	131	5	227	258	18	502	0	5	86	11
District Totals	3,077	354	9	403	464	34	1,507	3	19	177	107
District 23											
Alleghany	141	28	0	8	6	18	62	0	0	3	16
Ashe	251	28	0	32	27	4	137	0	1	20	2
Wilkes	1,154	179	7	331	212	30	343	1	7	38	6
Yadkin	290	29	7	23	33	0	180	0	0	15	3
District Totals	1,836	264	14	394	278	52	722	1	8	76	27
District 24											
Avery	210	30	0	34	17	22	92	0	3	7	5
Madison	162	55	0	2	8	2	91	0	1	2	1
Mitchell	173	14	1	22	30	6	63	1	1	20	15
Watauga	490	38	0	43	197	4	179	0	0	24	5
Yancey	130	15	2	5	12	17	58	1	4	7	9
District Totals	1,165	152	3	106	264	51	483	2	9	60	35
District 25											
Burke	1,133	97	7	94	279	4	547	0	1	101	3
Caldwell	1,100	163	0	218	155	0	498	0	5	41	20
Catawba	1,880	122	11	399	120	135	1,010	3	8	37	35
District Totals	4,113	382	18	711	554	139	2,055	3	14	179	58
District 26											
Mecklenburg	11,183	1,954	35	2,267	1,794	8	4,934	0	25	166	0
District 27A											
Gaston	2,584	218	14	219	200	21	1,747	2	4	86	73

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		Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
District 27B											
Cleveland	897	95	14	93	106	10	527	3	6	41	2
Lincoln	550	66	3	44	52	2	330	0	4	48	1
District Totals	1,447	161	17	137	158	12	857	3	10	89	3
District 28											
Buncombe	3,052	339	30	360	375	42	1,599	7	39	166	95
District 29											
Henderson	662	82	1	20	60	3	459	0	1	34	2
McDowell	389	27	0	49	26	2	252	0	8	25	0
Polk	135	20	0	5	13	3	73	0	1	14	6
Rutherford	527	59	7	36	44	2	353	1	3	21	1
Transylvania	295	62	1	11	31	0	173	0	0	16	1
District Totals	2,008	250	9	121	174	10	1,310	1	13	110	10
District 30											
Cherokee	199	5	0	0	0	1	112	1	28	17	35
Clay	64	6	0	0	0	0	33	0	6	19	0
Graham	77	5	0	2	3	2	48	0	1	13	3
Haywood	639	55	1	126	57	8	331	3	10	45	3
Jackson	321	34	1	36	64	2	156	2	1	24	1
Macon	215	26	2	22	20	13	109	0	3	5	15
Swain	141	28	1	13	12	8	64	1	0	12	2
District Totals	1,656	159	5	199	156	34	853	7	49	135	59
State Totals	104,789	14,872	417	16,794	14,147	1,079	50,377	75	868	4,392	1,768

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	Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	Ages of Pending Cases (Days) 0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days) 0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730
District 1																
Camden	18	167.3	145.0	7	4	5	2	0	37	167.5	101.0	14	12	7	3	1
Chowan	110	392.6	338.0	32	12	13	47	6	236	166.2	67.0	127	24	46	34	5
Currituck	55	189.5	145.0	20	15	15	4	1	160	169.4	95.0	77	24	39	17	3
Dare	142	220.3	146.5	56	22	37	23	4	268	194.9	102.5	123	52	54	30	9
Gates	33	276.0	247.0	8	4	12	9	0	82	188.2	93.0	41	13	14	12	2
Pasquotank	207	276.6	215.0	63	33	48	50	13	472	200.1	76.0	260	73	56	51	32
Perquimans	56	235.1	141.5	22	10	11	8	5	97	129.1	43.0	69	6	16	3	3
District Totals	621	269.6	183.0	208	100	141	143	29	1,352	182.8	79.0	711	204	232	150	55
District 2																
Beaufort	287	312.4	274.0	78	46	70	72	21	508	155.6	47.0	354	51	33	40	30
Hyde	50	344.3	241.0	14	9	9	10	8	56	110.0	40.0	44	4	4	4	0
Martin	174	828.9	506.5	42	20	12	25	75	377	165.4	48.0	252	35	43	26	21
Tyrrell	13	484.2	337.0	4	1	2	3	3	49	165.1	70.0	31	5	7	4	2
Washington	62	283.9	208.5	16	14	16	10	6	286	110.0	7.0	194	31	31	26	4
District Totals	586	469.2	283.0	154	90	109	120	113	1,276	146.0	45.0	875	126	118	100	57
District 3																
Carteret	494	376.4	252.5	134	73	92	92	103	670	148.2	62.0	419	104	76	46	25
Craven	857	336.7	191.0	275	148	136	169	129	1,504	110.1	56.0	986	230	208	68	12
Pamlico	95	313.9	159.0	30	20	13	20	12	103	233.5	109.0	49	12	11	26	5
Pitt	583	352.4	229.0	178	80	104	133	88	1,337	178.8	71.0	778	214	182	80	83
District Totals	2,029	349.8	213.0	617	321	345	414	332	3,614	146.1	63.0	2,232	560	477	220	125
District 4																
Duplin	216	394.4	225.0	68	30	36	44	38	525	183.4	63.0	322	64	69	37	33
Jones	80	637.6	370.5	19	12	9	17	23	100	132.8	43.0	67	12	10	8	3
Onslow	1,319	436.0	269.0	342	188	264	240	285	1,628	161.8	67.0	993	249	167	168	51
Sampson	239	210.3	124.0	91	56	52	32	8	786	167.2	61.5	468	105	108	67	38
District Totals	1,854	410.7	242.5	520	286	361	333	354	3,039	166.0	65.0	1,850	430	354	280	125
District 5																
New Hanover	2,174	351.1	288.0	490	311	500	630	243	3,021	205.8	78.0	1,607	506	467	274	167
Pender	266	364.5	225.5	73	48	54	50	41	351	165.8	64.0	207	49	49	30	16
District Totals	2,440	352.5	288.0	563	359	554	680	284	3,372	201.6	77.0	1,814	555	516	304	183
District 6																
Bertie	98	193.3	130.0	41	17	18	22	0	302	104.0	53.0	195	58	29	16	4
Halifax	322	140.4	95.0	154	83	64	19	2	834	67.4	38.5	631	111	73	17	2
Hertford	180	132.1	74.5	100	40	22	16	2	482	103.2	62.0	320	76	69	13	4
Northampton	73	176.0	120.0	28	27	12	3	3	301	88.6	42.0	208	45	28	19	1
District Totals	673	149.8	99.0	323	167	116	60	7	1,919	85.5	49.0	1,354	290	199	65	11

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District 7																
Edgecombe	708	669.4	494.0	173	49	72	130	284	869	107.9	49.0	655	100	59	36	19
Nash	666	530.9	400.0	171	57	79	151	208	1,081	169.4	57.0	730	150	84	52	65
Wilson	805	576.2	479.0	205	71	85	135	309	1,103	89.4	54.0	859	137	64	29	14
District Totals	2,179	592.6	465.0	549	177	236	416	801	3,053	123.0	54.0	2,244	387	207	117	98
District 8																
Greene	28	108.3	55.5	17	6	3	2	0	121	122.6	52.0	78	16	21	4	2
Lenoir	463	164.1	110.0	211	117	94	28	13	1,301	142.8	67.0	740	184	266	94	17
Wayne	790	161.1	115.0	342	163	209	69	7	2,192	201.6	95.5	1,075	233	339	498	47
District Totals	1,281	161.0	113.0	570	286	306	99	20	3,614	177.8	81.5	1,893	433	626	596	66
District 9																
Franklin	155	294.8	142.0	58	29	17	35	16	342	169.2	66.0	199	39	72	19	13
Granville	171	228.7	156.0	58	32	52	23	6	345	145.8	77.0	193	48	78	18	8
Person	165	207.2	135.0	65	33	33	27	7	387	147.2	48.0	270	26	45	28	18
Vance	216	270.1	135.0	85	38	45	29	19	508	132.3	52.0	336	53	61	51	7
Warren	80	226.4	168.5	25	20	15	18	2	408	68.0	48.5	338	27	24	10	9
District Totals	787	248.4	142.0	291	152	162	132	50	1,990	130.7	49.0	1,336	193	280	126	55
District 10																
Wake	3,488	294.8	138.0	1,344	661	607	459	417	7,858	180.2	71.0	4,405	987	1,120	1,156	190
District 11																
Harnett	308	129.5	100.0	135	102	52	19	0	994	127.3	67.0	586	138	214	46	10
Johnston	532	166.5	108.5	236	112	147	29	8	1,655	105.2	43.0	1,171	159	227	81	17
Lee	415	156.7	102.0	172	103	110	25	5	1,049	144.4	63.0	627	129	166	118	9
District Totals	1,255	154.2	103.0	543	317	309	73	13	3,698	122.2	54.0	2,384	426	607	245	36
District 12																
Cumberland	3,065	343.5	246.0	935	395	552	688	495	5,164	218.9	81.0	2,758	870	537	450	549
Hoke	93	414.2	221.0	28	13	16	16	20	306	155.0	55.5	210	37	24	21	14
District Totals	3,158	345.6	243.0	963	408	568	704	515	5,470	215.3	78.0	2,968	907	561	471	563
District 13																
Bladen	141	138.6	60.0	79	20	27	15	0	494	87.8	52.0	360	74	45	14	1
Brunswick	467	240.4	137.0	153	141	70	69	34	691	149.6	64.0	431	95	76	78	11
Columbus	427	175.3	138.0	170	89	114	51	3	1,057	145.4	76.0	570	144	257	79	7
District Totals	1,035	199.6	134.0	402	250	211	135	37	2,242	134.1	63.0	1,361	313	378	171	19
District 14																
Durham	1,880	286.4	221.0	498	378	396	495	113	2,553	177.3	64.0	1,540	389	246	236	142

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District 15A																
Alamance	443	116.7	58.0	278	77	50	35	3	1,599	87.4	56.0	1,170	258	133	31	7
District 15B																
Chatham	217	377.5	310.0	51	30	38	67	31	284	112.0	49.5	193	48	19	22	2
Orange	732	569.2	410.5	146	88	101	148	249	741	121.6	68.0	471	134	77	51	8
District Totals	949	525.4	387.0	197	118	139	215	280	1,025	118.9	63.0	664	182	96	73	10
District 16																
Robeson	893	247.4	152.0	288	219	198	124	64	2,172	156.0	64.0	1,317	269	336	164	86
Scotland	173	257.0	177.0	54	36	40	29	14	528	225.1	59.0	299	45	57	101	26
District Totals	1,066	250.0	156.5	342	255	238	153	78	2,700	169.4	63.0	1,616	314	393	265	112
District 17A																
Caswell	90	225.9	117.0	36	22	15	11	6	223	132.4	65.0	135	30	36	18	4
Rockingham	362	151.6	92.5	179	77	72	30	4	1,187	115.3	52.0	779	133	197	77	1
District Totals	452	166.4	100.0	215	99	87	41	10	1,410	118.0	52.0	914	163	233	95	5
District 17B																
Stokes	106	189.2	122.5	42	22	30	9	5	243	167.6	78.0	144	32	29	29	9
Surry	311	245.3	145.0	119	50	61	65	14	904	160.5	63.0	563	103	112	96	30
District Totals	417	231.0	144.0	161	72	91	74	19	1,147	161.6	66.0	707	135	141	125	39
District 18																
Guilford	2,940	179.3	113.5	1,259	668	573	373	67	7,505	144.7	76.0	4,205	1,111	1,452	690	47
District 19A																
Cabarrus	722	227.7	176.0	256	110	167	178	11	1,348	201.0	75.0	722	166	139	298	23
Rowan	536	175.6	130.0	213	129	136	48	10	1,100	119.0	53.0	773	127	119	65	16
District Totals	1,258	205.5	137.0	469	239	303	226	21	2,448	164.1	62.0	1,495	293	258	363	39
District 19B																
Montgomery	214	175.5	144.0	76	69	44	22	3	235	246.2	102.0	111	45	25	32	22
Randolph	301	187.9	100.0	139	63	46	44	9	922	108.0	49.0	623	136	97	57	9
District Totals	515	182.8	121.0	215	132	90	66	12	1,157	136.1	56.0	734	181	122	89	31
District 20																
Anson	135	247.9	149.0	52	25	23	26	9	389	263.4	62.0	221	33	32	46	57
Moore	497	297.8	179.0	158	91	81	115	52	720	220.9	75.5	393	121	70	43	93
Richmond	802	745.8	496.5	130	80	111	175	306	481	178.7	51.0	337	47	46	28	23
Stanly	409	369.8	185.0	160	36	67	72	74	557	139.9	64.0	348	109	49	29	22
Union	551	303.4	233.0	157	74	142	124	54	846	139.1	53.0	560	109	61	100	16
District Totals	2,394	458.7	276.0	657	306	424	512	495	2,993	181.4	59.0	1,859	419	258	246	211

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	Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	Ages of Pending Cases (Days) 0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days) 0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730
District 21																
Forsyth	2,189	183.9	106.0	980	515	353	281	60	5,634	124.8	69.0	3,366	863	1,116	258	31
District 22																
Alexander	81	217.7	122.0	35	16	14	11	5	215	99.5	43.0	167	18	14	15	1
Davidson	356	162.8	114.0	158	80	79	36	3	1,398	131.2	63.0	876	191	190	123	18
Davie	212	368.4	290.0	51	35	38	54	34	221	245.6	76.0	124	26	22	24	25
Iredell	466	213.2	129.0	185	92	104	67	18	1,243	162.5	62.0	749	147	143	183	21
District Totals	1,115	226.9	137.0	429	223	235	168	60	3,077	149.8	62.0	1,916	382	369	345	65
District 23																
Alleghany	43	126.4	96.0	20	11	11	1	0	141	109.7	50.0	90	25	18	7	1
Ashe	74	212.2	119.5	27	15	18	11	3	251	93.8	47.0	185	31	27	6	2
Wilkes	315	125.0	87.0	164	79	54	16	2	1,154	99.0	54.0	832	197	88	25	12
Yadkin	118	232.2	89.5	59	25	16	11	7	290	137.7	55.5	173	38	50	23	6
District Totals	550	159.8	94.0	270	130	99	39	12	1,836	105.2	53.0	1,280	291	183	61	21
District 24																
Avery	122	268.1	113.5	56	12	18	28	8	210	239.0	75.0	116	46	19	12	17
Madison	75	328.7	171.0	26	12	15	12	10	162	230.0	64.0	93	24	19	12	14
Mitchell	47	156.6	89.0	24	8	9	5	1	173	156.8	63.0	108	27	17	17	4
Watauga	220	164.8	87.0	112	45	42	11	10	490	184.1	100.0	231	114	54	83	8
Yancey	60	389.9	212.0	19	10	8	12	11	130	140.3	62.5	87	21	13	5	4
District Totals	524	237.4	108.0	237	87	92	68	40	1,165	191.4	77.0	635	232	122	129	47
District 25																
Burke	380	431.6	239.5	110	51	85	70	64	1,133	190.2	46.0	773	80	82	129	69
Caldwell	527	414.3	284.0	158	65	107	107	90	1,100	136.6	61.5	697	165	149	69	20
Catawba	886	236.8	149.5	318	155	179	210	24	1,880	130.9	53.0	1,262	234	154	201	29
District Totals	1,793	330.2	211.0	586	271	371	387	178	4,113	148.7	54.0	2,732	479	385	399	118
District 26																
Mecklenburg	4,034	168.3	100.5	1,906	861	666	540	61	11,183	161.5	70.0	6,381	1,836	1,649	878	439
District 27A																
Gaston	992	209.3	131.0	392	181	222	168	29	2,584	167.4	55.0	1,593	288	255	384	64
District 27B																
Cleveland	451	238.9	150.0	169	73	97	91	21	897	105.5	56.0	584	137	134	38	4
Lincoln	120	83.6	60.0	79	28	11	1	1	550	119.3	64.0	340	107	70	28	5
District Totals	571	206.3	107.0	248	101	108	92	22	1,447	110.8	58.0	924	244	204	66	9
District 28																
Buncombe	1,003	136.3	82.0	522	248	151	69	13	3,052	152.0	90.0	1,529	552	686	260	25

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				Ages of Pending Cases (Days)								Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)				
	Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730
District 29																
Henderson	746	454.8	395.0	148	72	131	238	157	662	193.2	62.0	398	101	66	40	57
McDowell	177	272.0	131.0	70	32	41	18	16	389	102.0	49.0	269	52	50	16	2
Polk	37	301.8	163.0	11	8	7	7	4	135	157.2	81.0	74	24	22	13	2
Rutherford	287	269.4	192.0	90	49	65	63	20	527	140.8	52.0	356	44	63	51	13
Transylvania	205	326.9	269.0	51	27	57	57	13	295	190.3	65.0	168	41	33	40	13
District Totals	1,452	373.9	279.5	370	188	301	383	210	2,008	159.0	57.0	1,265	262	234	160	87
District 30																
Cherokee	166	376.9	365.5	39	18	26	53	30	199	213.6	99.0	90	45	29	19	16
Clay	23	206.8	109.0	6	8	5	4	0	64	153.0	84.0	34	12	12	5	1
Graham	40	213.0	159.5	13	10	9	8	0	77	155.0	104.0	37	14	19	7	0
Haywood	423	328.5	255.0	105	74	92	115	37	639	179.6	57.0	390	77	68	57	47
Jackson	130	230.4	150.0	53	22	23	28	4	321	141.6	109.0	143	84	75	17	2
Macon	166	449.3	241.5	44	30	29	38	25	215	125.5	58.0	138	35	21	15	6
Swain	142	466.2	288.0	31	18	34	24	35	141	195.8	73.0	76	23	17	17	8
District Totals	1,090	354.8	246.0	291	180	218	270	131	1,656	168.5	73.5	908	290	241	137	80
State Totals	49,013	288.3	156.0	17,569	8,903	9,232	8,423	4,886	104,789	155.5	64.5	62,860	14,975	14,451	9,291	3,212

CIVIL MAGISTRATE FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

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	Filings	Dispositions
District 1		
Camden	99	97
Chowan	630	637
Currituck	238	233
Dare	419	444
Gates	202	247
Pasquotank	843	853
Perquimans	311	320
District Totals	2,742	2,831
District 2		
Beaufort	1,373	1,315
Hyde	78	71
Martin	943	985
Tyrrell	156	145
Washington	500	433
District Totals	3,050	2,949
District 3		
Carteret	1,509	1,368
Craven	2,161	2,219
Pamlico	256	276
Pitt	2,703	2,710
District Totals	6,629	6,573
District 4		
Duplin	1,536	1,551
Jones	173	177
Onslow	2,526	2,527
Sampson	1,539	1,561
District Totals	5,774	5,816
District 5		
New Hanover	3,151	3,097
Pender	530	531
District Totals	3,681	3,628
District 6		
Bertie	781	787
Halifax	1,480	1,549
Hertford	596	640
Northampton	598	581
District Totals	3,455	3,557
District 7		
Edgecombe	4,772	4,688
Nash	3,621	4,360
Wilson	2,812	2,739
District Totals	11,205	11,787
District 8		
Greene	317	352
Lenoir	2,597	2,665
Wayne	2,186	2,120
District Totals	5,100	5,137

	Filings	Dispositions
District 9		
Franklin	791	808
Granville	1,274	1,241
Person	949	865
Vance	2,283	2,258
Warren	561	584
District Totals	5,858	5,756
District 10		
Wake	9,724	9,322
District 11		
Harnett	1,307	1,362
Johnston	1,874	1,809
Lee	837	790
District Totals	4,018	3,961
District 12		
Cumberland	9,353	9,390
Hoke	585	599
District Totals	9,938	9,989
District 13		
Bladen	2,434	2,334
Brunswick	1,034	526
Columbus	1,913	1,924
District Totals	5,381	4,784
District 14		
Durham	13,379	12,970
District 15A		
Alamance	2,955	2,939
District 15B		
Chatham	706	711
Orange	1,430	1,369
District Totals	2,136	2,080
District 16		
Robeson	6,776	6,544
Scotland	1,896	1,793
District Totals	8,672	8,337
District 17A		
Caswell	334	311
Rockingham	2,266	2,361
District Totals	2,600	2,672
District 17B		
Stokes	445	457
Surry	1,842	2,059
District Totals	2,287	2,516

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	Filings	Dispositions
District 18 Guilford		
Greensboro	8,382	8,014
High Point	3,197	3,111
District Totals	11,579	11,125
District 19A		
Cabarrus	1,408	1,354
Rowan	2,118	2,148
District Totals	3,526	3,502
District 19B		
Montgomery	1,178	1,013
Randolph	1,257	1,243
District Totals	2,435	2,256
District 20		
Anson	639	677
Moore	1,388	1,398
Richmond	1,213	1,033
Stanly	1,327	1,295
Union	1,373	1,349
District Totals	5,940	5,752
District 21		
Forsyth	8,914	8,785
District 22		
Alexander	364	358
Davidson	3,222	3,163
Davie	381	383
Iredell	2,058	1,988
District Totals	6,025	5,892
District 23		
Alleghany	316	332
Ashe	185	244
Wilkes	1,699	1,688
Yadkin	718	731
District Totals	2,918	2,995
District 24		
Avery	193	205
Madison	107	132
Mitchell	115	111
Watauga	349	386
Yancey	136	132
District Totals	900	966

	Filings	Dispositions
District 25		
Burke	1,310	1,301
Caldwell	1,859	1,954
Catawba	2,320	2,287
District Totals	5,489	5,542
District 26		
Mecklenburg	21,602	23,198
District 27A		
Gaston	3,971	4,060
District 27B		
Cleveland	2,798	2,786
Lincoln	796	812
District Totals	3,594	3,598
District 28		
Buncombe	3,807	4,031
District 29		
Henderson	548	499
McDowell	385	414
Polk	205	209
Rutherford	1,253	1,649
Transylvania	481	443
District Totals	2,872	3,214
District 30		
Cherokee	257	250
Clay	70	48
Graham	51	51
Haywood	807	772
Jackson	272	251
Macon	402	389
Swain	106	98
District Totals	1,965	1,859
	Total Filed	Total Disposed
State Totals	194,321	194,379

OFFENSES AND CONDITIONS ALLEGED IN JUVENILE PETITIONS IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

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	OFFENSES							CONDITIONS				
	Delinquent				Undisciplined							
	Capital	Other Felony	Misde-meanor	Total	Truancy	Other	Total	Dependent	Neglected	Abused	Grand Total	Children Before Court For First Time
District 1												
Camden	0	3	2	5	0	0	0	0	1	1	7	6
Chowan	0	4	23	27	0	0	0	5	4	1	37	17
Currituck	0	4	14	18	1	0	1	3	12	9	43	23
Dare	0	12	10	22	0	0	0	0	2	1	25	23
Gates	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Pasquotank	0	23	78	101	0	1	1	3	10	7	122	48
Perquimans	0	21	14	35	0	0	0	0	2	1	38	11
District Totals	0	67	144	211	1	1	2	11	31	20	275	131
District 2												
Beaufort	0	27	31	58	3	0	3	7	5	4	77	42
Hyde	0	3	10	13	0	1	1	2	13	3	32	20
Martin	0	13	19	32	0	0	0	2	14	0	48	36
Tyrrell	0	2	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5
Washington	0	5	22	27	1	0	1	0	5	0	33	26
District Totals	0	50	85	135	4	1	5	11	37	7	195	129
District 3												
Carteret	0	17	53	70	0	2	2	17	14	5	108	55
Craven	0	32	79	111	3	15	18	23	15	5	172	93
Pamlico	0	0	6	6	0	1	1	0	0	2	9	9
Pitt	0	29	107	136	0	10	10	17	6	2	171	74
District Totals	0	78	245	323	3	28	31	57	35	14	460	231
District 4												
Duplin	0	3	23	26	1	6	7	4	3	0	40	33
Jones	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	1	2	0	6	5
Onslow	0	58	68	126	3	6	9	18	34	22	209	124
Sampson	0	16	99	115	0	13	13	16	21	5	170	57
District Totals	0	80	190	270	4	25	29	39	60	27	425	219
District 5												
New Hanover	0	236	255	491	15	72	87	5	26	5	614	213
Pender	0	37	30	67	1	1	2	2	3	2	76	28
District Totals	0	273	285	558	16	73	89	7	29	7	690	241
District 6												
Bertie	0	1	14	15	0	1	1	2	13	0	31	31
Halifax	0	74	35	109	2	2	4	6	14	4	137	66
Hertford	0	5	31	36	0	0	0	17	8	3	64	43
Northampton	0	2	16	18	0	0	0	0	4	3	25	18
District Totals	0	82	96	178	2	3	5	25	39	10	257	158
District 7												
Edgecombe	0	116	125	241	4	7	11	18	8	1	279	116
Nash	1	35	83	119	0	6	6	29	23	4	181	94
Wilson	0	69	120	189	2	5	7	15	18	12	241	99
District Totals	1	220	328	549	6	18	24	62	49	17	701	309
District 8												
Greene	0	0	23	23	0	4	4	2	14	0	43	32
Lenoir	0	58	173	231	0	17	17	10	29	5	292	98
Wayne	0	37	73	110	0	9	9	29	71	12	231	109
District Totals	0	95	269	364	0	30	30	41	114	17	566	239

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	OFFENSES							CONDITIONS				
	Delinquent				Undisciplined							Children Before
	Capital	Other Felony	Misdemeanor	Total	Truancy	Other	Total	Dependent	Neglected	Abused	Grand Total	Court For First Time
District 9												
Franklin	0	8	37	45	1	7	8	3	12	2	70	37
Granville	0	39	105	144	2	4	6	6	10	3	169	77
Person	0	0	5	5	0	3	3	3	13	3	27	25
Vance	0	45	101	146	5	15	20	18	13	8	205	55
Warren	0	7	2	9	2	2	4	1	0	0	14	10
District Totals	0	99	250	349	10	31	41	31	48	16	485	204
District 10												
Wake	1	87	200	288	7	13	20	31	30	23	392	319
District 11												
Harnett	0	52	80	132	9	7	16	4	12	5	169	66
Johnston	1	61	51	113	4	11	15	6	12	3	149	81
Lee	0	8	69	77	1	9	10	9	6	1	103	88
District Totals	1	121	200	322	14	27	41	19	30	9	421	235
District 12												
Cumberland	0	361	422	783	26	272	298	87	179	73	1,420	600
Hoke	0	9	54	63	4	10	14	11	5	5	98	57
District Totals	0	370	476	846	30	282	312	98	184	78	1,518	657
District 13												
Bladen	0	10	15	25	1	4	5	5	4	2	41	25
Brunswick	1	17	22	40	5	16	21	3	12	2	78	59
Columbus	0	23	34	57	10	7	17	14	28	5	121	71
District Totals	1	50	71	122	16	27	43	22	44	9	240	155
District 14												
Durham	0	90	395	485	1	12	13	39	87	14	638	178
District 15A												
Alamance	0	29	119	148	5	25	30	18	19	5	220	115
District 15B												
Chatham	0	5	50	55	1	0	1	6	12	5	79	38
Orange	0	29	73	102	2	4	6	8	15	0	131	102
District Totals	0	34	123	157	3	4	7	14	27	5	210	140
District 16												
Robeson	1	118	125	244	10	31	41	49	55	26	415	189
Scotland	0	39	85	124	0	1	1	13	26	2	166	85
District Totals	1	157	210	368	10	32	42	62	81	28	581	274
District 17A												
Caswell	0	2	3	5	0	1	1	3	5	2	16	16
Rockingham	0	85	98	183	0	12	12	15	10	8	228	73
District Totals	0	87	101	188	0	13	13	18	15	10	244	89
District 17B												
Stokes	1	8	22	31	11	7	18	2	2	3	56	40
Surry	0	61	51	112	7	6	13	4	24	2	155	76
District Totals	1	69	73	143	18	13	31	6	26	5	211	116
District 18												
Guilford	0	191	523	714	55	74	129	100	67	28	1,038	633

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	OFFENSES							CONDITIONS				
	Delinquent				Undisciplined							
	Capital	Other Felony	Misde-meanor	Total	Truancy	Other	Total	Dependent	Neglected	Abused	Grand Total	Children Before Court For First Time
District 19A												
Cabarrus	0	41	65	106	2	7	9	10	13	2	140	86
Rowan	0	94	244	338	133	81	214	228	92	32	904	128
District Totals	0	135	309	444	135	88	223	238	105	34	1,044	214
District 19B												
Montgomery	0	4	9	13	0	4	4	2	14	1	34	34
Randolph	0	68	91	159	10	48	58	24	28	9	278	139
District Totals	0	72	100	172	10	52	62	26	42	10	312	173
District 20												
Anson	0	82	23	105	0	0	0	0	10	2	117	33
Moore	0	60	103	163	1	1	2	3	121	3	292	66
Richmond	0	107	69	176	1	4	5	0	31	9	221	64
Stanly	0	16	29	45	0	2	2	4	2	6	59	31
Union	0	49	93	142	1	15	16	7	90	44	299	149
District Totals	0	314	317	631	3	22	25	14	254	64	988	343
District 21												
Forsyth	0	115	342	457	40	90	130	11	69	13	680	502
District 22												
Alexander	0	5	10	15	0	6	6	1	8	2	32	24
Davidson	0	34	150	184	0	52	52	35	40	11	322	154
Davie	0	6	46	52	4	8	12	3	3	2	72	26
Iredell	3	5	111	119	6	31	37	9	23	2	190	103
District Totals	3	50	317	370	10	97	107	48	74	17	616	307
District 23												
Alleghany	0	25	9	34	0	2	2	0	2	2	40	25
Ashe	0	12	5	17	12	14	26	5	22	3	73	50
Wilkes	1	16	57	74	56	16	72	12	113	18	289	95
Yadkin	0	28	89	117	9	12	21	7	35	14	194	49
District Totals	1	81	160	242	77	44	121	24	172	37	596	219
District 24												
Avery	0	11	3	14	1	4	5	6	9	1	35	30
Madison	2	4	1	7	2	0	2	12	15	3	39	22
Mitchell	0	4	13	17	0	7	7	5	3	5	37	20
Watauga	0	6	24	30	1	1	2	6	2	6	46	41
Yancey	0	3	3	6	3	1	4	0	4	3	17	17
District Totals	2	28	44	74	7	13	20	29	33	18	174	130
District 25												
Burke	0	36	41	77	10	34	44	7	19	10	157	70
Caldwell	0	16	113	129	40	84	124	67	33	13	366	95
Catawba	0	48	76	124	12	40	52	20	35	10	241	140
District Totals	0	100	230	330	62	158	220	94	87	33	764	305
District 26												
Mecklenburg	0	417	532	949	15	124	139	17	241	42	1,388	655
District 27A												
Gaston	0	105	342	447	0	32	32	17	62	13	571	335
District 27B												
Cleveland	0	26	97	123	5	9	14	23	13	7	180	108
Lincoln	0	35	37	72	0	8	8	8	10	7	105	52
District Totals	0	61	134	195	5	17	22	31	23	14	285	160

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	OFFENSES							CONDITIONS				
	Delinquent				Undisciplined							Children Before
	Capital	Other Felony	Misdemeanor	Total	Truancy	Other	Total	Dependent	Neglected	Abused	Grand Total	Court For First Time
District 28												
Buncombe	1	188	263	452	23	180	203	54	51	14	774	246
District 29												
Henderson	0	5	33	38	21	11	32	7	11	4	92	53
McDowell	0	8	32	40	22	22	44	7	28	8	127	75
Polk	0	6	5	11	8	0	8	6	2	2	29	29
Rutherford	0	19	41	60	31	22	53	33	47	6	199	68
Transylvania	0	19	19	38	5	1	6	7	19	6	76	39
District Totals	0	57	130	187	87	56	143	60	107	26	523	264
District 30												
Cherokee	0	7	13	20	0	2	2	1	8	4	35	25
Clay	0	1	2	3	0	0	0	3	3	0	9	9
Graham	0	3	1	4	3	0	3	0	2	0	9	9
Haywood	0	2	11	13	3	12	15	3	7	4	42	41
Jackson	0	2	13	15	3	5	8	3	7	4	37	26
Macon	0	14	11	25	0	1	1	1	2	1	30	29
Swain	0	0	17	17	0	8	8	5	7	1	38	38
District Totals	0	29	68	97	9	28	37	16	36	14	200	177
State Totals	13	4,081	7,671	11,765	688	1,733	2,421	1,390	2,408	698	18,682	8,802

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	Delinquency Hearings			Undisciplined Hearings			Dependency Hearings			Neglect Hearings			Abuse Hearings			Total
	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Hearings
District 1																
Camden	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	5
Chowan	33	1	34	0	0	0	5	0	5	4	0	4	1	0	1	44
Currituck	13	6	19	0	1	1	2	0	2	11	2	13	8	2	10	45
Dare	22	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	1	25
Gates	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Pasquotank	86	18	104	0	0	0	5	0	5	7	0	7	5	0	5	121
Perquimans	25	9	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	1	37
District Totals	185	34	219	0	1	1	12	0	12	27	2	29	17	2	19	280
District 2																
Beaufort	45	13	58	1	0	1	6	0	6	5	0	5	4	0	4	74
Hyde	9	3	12	0	1	1	0	1	1	12	1	13	0	3	3	30
Martin	28	18	46	0	0	0	1	0	1	10	5	15	0	0	0	62
Tyrrell	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Washington	25	1	26	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	29
District Totals	112	35	147	2	1	3	7	1	8	28	7	35	4	3	7	200
District 3																
Carteret	92	32	124	5	1	6	38	4	42	28	1	29	9	6	15	216
Craven	127	72	199	14	9	23	30	2	32	53	8	61	11	1	12	327
Pamlico	4	12	16	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	21
Pitt	224	55	279	10	2	12	26	3	29	15	4	19	4	1	5	344
District Totals	447	171	618	32	12	44	94	9	103	96	14	110	25	8	33	908
District 4																
Duplin	20	1	21	3	4	7	2	1	3	3	0	3	0	0	0	34
Jones	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	3	0	0	0	7
Onslow	96	18	114	4	3	7	49	3	52	113	2	115	55	0	55	343
Sampson	40	55	95	2	5	7	6	2	8	22	1	23	3	0	3	136
District Totals	157	76	233	9	12	21	57	7	64	141	3	144	58	0	58	520
District 5																
New Hanover	474	17	491	86	1	87	5	0	5	26	0	26	5	0	5	614
Pender	65	1	66	2	0	2	2	0	2	3	0	3	2	0	2	75
District Totals	539	18	557	88	1	89	7	0	7	29	0	29	7	0	7	689
District 6																
Bertie	14	2	16	0	1	1	1	0	1	13	0	13	0	0	0	31
Halifax	102	23	125	0	5	5	2	1	3	5	3	8	3	0	3	144
Hertford	23	30	53	0	0	0	4	11	15	11	7	18	2	3	5	91
Northampton	5	9	14	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	3	3	2	2	4	23
District Totals	144	64	208	0	6	6	8	13	21	29	13	42	7	5	12	289

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	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Hearings
District 7																
Edgecombe	146	70	216	7	10	17	22	0	22	46	8	54	5	0	5	314
Nash	58	18	76	3	0	3	15	4	19	16	3	19	3	3	6	123
Wilson	142	42	184	5	0	5	17	0	17	2	0	2	11	0	11	219
District Totals	346	130	476	15	10	25	54	4	58	64	11	75	19	3	22	656
District 8																
Greene	13	10	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	25
Lenoir	175	68	243	10	2	12	6	3	9	13	12	25	5	1	6	295
Wayne	96	50	146	3	2	5	27	2	29	35	1	36	4	1	5	221
District Totals	284	128	412	13	4	17	33	5	38	50	13	63	9	2	11	541
District 9																
Franklin	28	3	31	10	0	10	4	0	4	1	3	4	0	0	0	49
Granville	59	14	73	3	6	9	6	1	7	2	2	4	0	0	0	93
Person	15	21	36	7	5	12	19	11	30	18	8	26	3	1	4	108
Vance	83	51	134	7	12	19	17	1	18	6	1	7	7	0	7	185
Warren	11	3	14	0	1	1	6	2	8	12	4	16	0	1	1	40
District Totals	196	92	288	27	24	51	52	15	67	39	18	57	10	2	12	475
District 10																
Wake	396	40	436	9	2	11	39	2	41	36	2	38	25	0	25	551
District 11																
Harnett	286	14	300	31	4	35	25	4	29	128	5	133	27	1	28	525
Johnston	39	124	163	11	23	34	10	42	52	38	54	92	3	7	10	351
Lee	45	46	91	7	4	11	15	8	23	20	17	37	2	2	4	166
District Totals	370	184	554	49	31	80	50	54	104	186	76	262	32	10	42	1,042
District 12																
Cumberland	470	273	743	197	112	309	65	19	84	147	25	172	53	13	66	1,374
Hoke	42	11	53	3	8	11	6	1	7	1	3	4	4	2	6	81
District Totals	512	284	796	200	120	320	71	20	91	148	28	176	57	15	72	1,455
District 13																
Bladen	26	14	40	1	5	6	1	0	1	2	0	2	1	2	3	52
Brunswick	29	6	35	8	12	20	4	0	4	6	3	9	1	1	2	70
Columbus	128	2	130	42	2	44	37	0	37	154	7	161	12	2	14	386
District Totals	183	22	205	51	19	70	42	0	42	162	10	172	14	5	19	508
District 14																
Durham	262	209	471	2	2	4	35	8	43	49	25	74	7	1	8	600

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	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Hearings
District 15A																
Alamance	137	26	163	26	6	32	18	2	20	11	2	13	3	2	5	233
District 15B																
Chatham	42	24	66	1	1	2	2	3	5	14	3	17	1	2	3	93
Orange	240	33	273	4	1	5	27	0	27	60	8	68	3	0	3	376
District Totals	282	57	339	5	2	7	29	3	32	74	11	85	4	2	6	469
District 16																
Robeson	231	19	250	11	1	12	44	3	47	50	1	51	11	12	23	383
Scotland	95	27	122	0	0	0	21	1	22	35	0	35	1	0	1	180
District Totals	326	46	372	11	1	12	65	4	69	85	1	86	12	12	24	563
District 17A																
Caswell	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	1	4	3	0	3	12
Rockingham	158	25	183	5	6	11	13	5	18	13	1	14	7	0	7	233
District Totals	160	27	187	5	6	11	13	6	19	16	2	18	10	0	10	245
District 17B																
Stokes	17	12	29	14	4	18	2	1	3	1	1	2	1	2	3	55
Surry	85	18	103	12	6	18	5	0	5	56	0	56	5	0	5	187
District Totals	102	30	132	26	10	36	7	1	8	57	1	58	6	2	8	242
District 18																
Guilford	520	123	643	104	21	125	101	18	119	53	17	70	22	15	37	994
District 19A																
Cabarrus	116	12	128	8	1	9	12	1	13	14	2	16	2	1	3	169
Rowan	326	48	374	148	16	164	271	22	293	120	10	130	34	5	39	1,000
District Totals	442	60	502	156	17	173	283	23	306	134	12	146	36	6	42	1,169
District 19B																
Montgomery	78	10	88	9	3	12	15	0	15	32	1	33	2	2	4	152
Randolph	298	23	321	40	29	69	19	3	22	51	2	53	13	4	17	482
District Totals	376	33	409	49	32	81	34	3	37	83	3	86	15	6	21	634
District 20																
Anson	70	51	121	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	1	12	0	0	0	133
Moore	115	48	163	0	2	2	3	0	3	109	12	121	2	1	3	292
Richmond	151	59	210	6	1	7	4	3	7	67	16	83	16	5	21	328
Stanly	52	28	80	0	5	5	3	1	4	44	20	64	28	1	29	132
Union	110	16	126	6	4	10	3	0	3	62	7	69	36	3	39	247
District Totals	498	202	700	12	12	24	13	4	17	293	56	349	82	10	92	1,182

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	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Hearings
District 21																
Forsyth	439	18	457	75	55	130	10	1	11	66	3	69	13	0	13	680
District 22																
Alexander	12	1	13	7	0	7	1	1	2	1	8	9	0	0	0	31
Davidson	128	34	162	12	12	24	22	6	28	30	3	33	6	1	7	254
Davie	92	32	124	13	5	18	4	3	7	18	5	23	7	1	8	180
Iredell	96	23	119	27	7	34	10	2	12	26	0	26	1	0	1	192
District Totals	328	90	418	59	24	83	37	12	49	75	16	91	14	2	16	657
District 23																
Alleghany	27	7	34	0	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	2	2	40
Ashe	10	25	35	22	10	32	4	1	5	28	5	33	0	2	2	107
Wilkes	62	18	80	75	9	84	14	2	16	117	1	118	22	1	23	321
Yadkin	108	24	132	14	7	21	4	4	8	34	4	38	15	3	18	217
District Totals	207	74	281	111	28	139	22	7	29	181	10	191	37	8	45	685
District 24																
Avery	21	7	28	20	9	29	23	9	32	35	2	37	2	1	3	129
Madison	15	8	23	13	3	16	18	6	24	39	9	48	7	1	8	119
Mitchell	13	5	18	14	0	14	6	6	12	26	7	33	6	1	7	84
Watauga	68	13	81	10	8	18	33	6	39	9	6	15	4	1	5	158
Yancey	12	7	19	16	6	22	7	2	9	13	0	13	10	1	11	74
District Totals	129	40	169	73	26	99	87	29	116	122	24	146	29	5	34	564
District 25																
Burke	128	38	166	83	23	106	53	4	57	277	5	282	54	0	54	665
Caldwell	201	29	230	154	31	185	85	5	90	64	2	66	30	0	30	601
Catawba	109	37	146	53	14	67	24	2	26	40	3	43	13	1	14	296
District Totals	438	104	542	290	68	358	162	11	173	381	10	391	97	1	98	1,562
District 26																
Mecklenburg	651	276	927	62	37	99	10	3	13	168	32	200	15	4	19	1,258
District 27A																
Gaston	294	96	390	16	18	34	16	1	17	57	5	62	11	2	13	516
District 27B																
Cleveland	63	18	81	9	6	15	22	0	22	16	0	16	5	0	5	139
Lincoln	46	21	67	6	1	7	9	1	10	10	2	12	5	0	5	101
District Totals	109	39	148	15	7	22	31	1	32	26	2	28	10	0	10	240
District 28																
Buncombe	222	133	355	52	72	124	27	2	29	24	2	26	8	0	8	542

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	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Hearings
District 29																
Henderson	27	6	33	27	7	34	10	6	16	23	2	25	2	0	2	110
McDowell	30	3	33	35	5	40	6	0	6	10	0	10	3	0	3	92
Polk	10	1	11	7	0	7	3	3	6	4	4	8	2	0	2	34
Rutherford	36	2	38	23	0	23	33	1	34	28	2	30	1	0	1	126
Transylvania	38	3	41	2	1	3	7	1	8	6	12	18	6	0	6	76
District Totals	141	15	156	94	13	107	59	11	70	71	20	91	14	0	14	438
District 30																
Cherokee	19	1	20	1	1	2	1	0	1	8	0	8	4	0	4	35
Clay	2	1	3	0	0	0	2	0	2	3	0	3	0	0	0	8
Graham	3	1	4	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	9
Haywood	10	7	17	3	4	7	2	1	3	10	0	10	2	0	2	39
Jackson	2	0	2	3	4	7	1	2	3	6	1	7	3	0	3	22
Macon	20	4	24	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	28
Swain	17	0	17	7	1	8	4	1	5	7	0	7	1	0	1	38
District Totals	73	14	87	18	10	28	11	4	15	35	3	38	10	1	11	179
State Totals	9,468	2,972	12,440	1,668	709	2,377	1,589	284	1,873	3,067	454	3,521	732	134	866	21,077

FILING AND DISPOSITION TRENDS OF CRIMINAL CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

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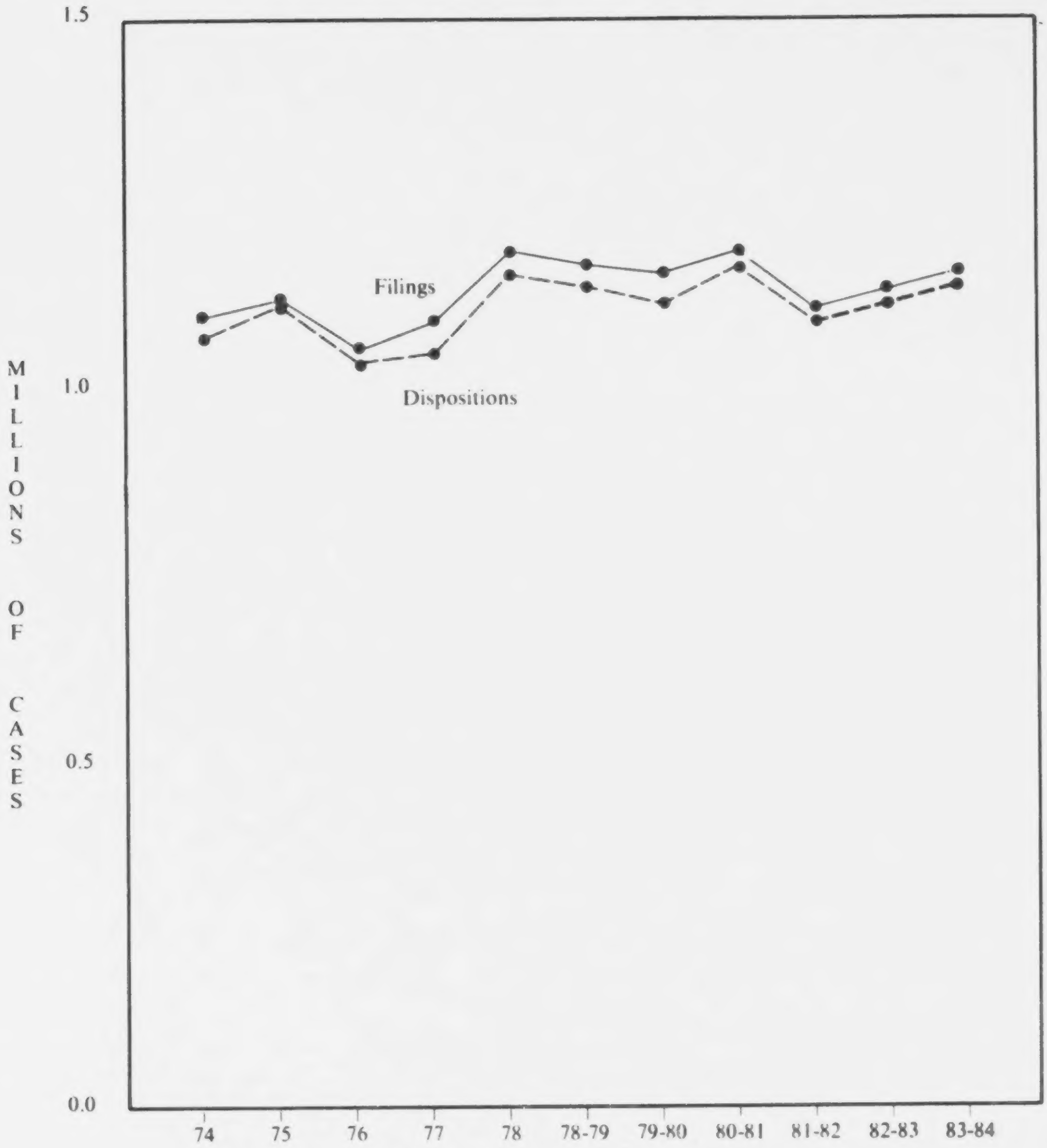

Motor vehicle cases dominate criminal filings and dispositions in the district courts. The increase in filings and dispositions shown here during 1983-84 is the result of a 5.5% increase in motor vehicle filings and a 5.8% increase in motor vehicle dispositions. During the 1983-84 fiscal year, 66.7% of the criminal district court filings and 66.6% of dispositions were traffic cases.

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	Total Filed	Dispositions		
District 1		Waiver	Other	Total Dispositions
Camden	1,041	662	276	938
Chowan	1,243	829	360	1,189
Currituck	1,881	1,232	672	1,904
Dare	5,289	3,794	1,484	5,278
Gates	1,078	692	398	1,090
Pasquotank	2,006	1,263	825	2,088
Perquimans	1,016	716	310	1,026
District Totals	13,554	9,188	4,325	13,513
District 2				
Beaufort	6,880	3,243	2,141	5,384
Hyde	840	470	402	892
Martin	3,445	2,014	1,315	3,329
Tyrrell	486	283	206	489
Washington	988	616	329	945
District Totals	12,639	6,626	4,393	11,019
District 3				
Carteret	6,808	3,965	2,674	6,639
Craven	10,230	5,814	4,198	10,012
Pamlico	742	412	328	740
Pitt	11,157	5,871	4,510	10,381
District Totals	28,937	16,062	11,710	27,772
District 4				
Duplin	3,869	2,168	1,488	3,656
Jones	1,208	677	430	1,107
Onslow	11,131	5,386	5,659	11,045
Sampson	6,896	4,205	2,646	6,851
District Totals	23,104	12,436	10,223	22,659
District 5				
New Hanover	14,167	7,247	6,801	14,048
Pender	3,407	1,842	1,643	3,485
District Totals	17,574	9,089	8,444	17,533
District 6				
Bertie	2,986	2,128	958	3,086
Halifax	9,674	6,805	3,619	10,424
Hertford	3,610	2,394	1,148	3,542
Northampton	4,001	2,337	1,739	4,076
District Totals	20,271	13,664	7,464	21,128
District 7				
Edgecombe	4,396	3,012	1,391	4,403
Nash	9,246	6,393	2,770	9,163
Wilson	6,167	4,309	2,055	6,364
District Totals	19,809	13,714	6,216	19,930
District 8				
Greene	1,579	995	645	1,640
Lenoir	7,960	4,200	3,674	7,874
Wayne	10,011	5,285	4,733	10,018
District Totals	19,550	10,480	9,052	19,532
District 9				
Franklin	2,352	1,188	1,124	2,312
Granville	4,162	2,629	1,522	4,151
Person	3,047	1,606	1,377	2,983
Vance	4,639	2,794	1,933	4,727
Warren	2,403	1,583	850	2,433
District Totals	16,603	9,800	6,806	16,606

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	Total Filed	Dispositions		
		Waiver	Other	Total Dispositions
District 10				
Wake	61,861	28,517	30,188	58,705
District 11				
Harnett	6,206	3,191	2,632	5,823
Johnston	9,189	4,655	4,420	9,075
Lee	5,965	3,778	2,073	5,851
District Totals	21,360	11,624	9,125	20,749
District 12				
Cumberland	30,870	16,341	14,818	31,159
Hoke	2,758	1,864	848	2,712
District Totals	33,628	18,205	15,666	33,871
District 13				
Bladen	4,791	2,626	2,191	4,817
Brunswick	4,119	2,094	2,122	4,216
Columbus	5,879	2,928	2,965	5,893
District Totals	14,789	7,648	7,278	14,926
District 14				
Durham	25,816	15,523	9,419	24,942
District 15A				
Alamance	10,111	5,841	4,376	10,217
District 15B				
Chatham	4,181	2,204	1,659	3,863
Orange	9,999	4,651	4,380	9,031
District Totals	14,180	6,855	6,039	12,894
District 16				
Robeson	9,884	4,537	5,860	10,397
Scotland	4,009	2,454	1,543	3,997
District Totals	13,893	6,991	7,403	14,394
District 17A				
Caswell	2,205	1,465	827	2,292
Rockingham	8,599	5,607	3,246	8,853
District Totals	10,804	7,072	4,073	11,145
District 17B				
Stokes	3,036	1,835	1,197	3,032
Surry	7,278	4,639	2,544	7,183
District Totals	10,314	6,474	3,741	10,215
District 18 Guilford				
Greensboro	43,167	22,314	20,661	42,975
High Point	12,303	6,040	6,418	12,458
District Totals	55,470	28,354	27,079	55,433
District 19A				
Cabarrus	15,631	10,129	5,161	15,290
Rowan	11,161	7,106	3,600	10,706
District Totals	26,792	17,235	8,761	25,996
District 19B				
Montgomery	3,995	2,537	1,396	3,933
Randolph	9,456	6,114	3,131	9,245
District Totals	13,451	8,651	4,527	13,178

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	Total Filed	Dispositions		
		Waiver	Other	Total Dispositions
District 20				
Anson	3,086	1,934	1,121	3,055
Moore	6,798	3,880	3,040	6,920
Richmond	3,351	1,991	1,319	3,310
Stanly	4,624	2,719	1,921	4,640
Union	5,924	3,579	2,469	6,048
District Totals	23,783	14,103	9,870	23,973
District 21				
Forsyth	40,694	22,270	18,489	40,759
District 22				
Alexander	1,594	727	834	1,561
Davidson	12,499	7,583	4,638	12,221
Davie	3,040	2,227	1,122	3,349
Iredell	8,816	5,295	2,809	8,104
District Totals	25,949	15,832	9,403	25,235
District 23				
Alleghany	750	442	258	700
Ashe	2,066	1,340	746	2,086
Wilkes	5,357	3,544	2,342	5,886
Yadkin	4,095	2,447	1,639	4,086
District Totals	12,268	7,773	4,985	12,758
District 24				
Avery	1,941	1,034	1,019	2,053
Madison	1,577	962	517	1,479
Mitchell	976	598	421	1,019
Watauga	4,161	2,582	1,503	4,085
Yancey	1,573	1,049	534	1,583
District Totals	10,228	6,225	3,994	10,219
District 25				
Burke	9,659	6,547	3,142	9,689
Caldwell	7,006	3,991	2,933	6,924
Catawba	12,803	6,956	5,197	12,153
District Totals	29,468	17,494	11,272	28,766
District 26				
Mecklenburg	61,960	33,545	26,317	59,862
District 27A				
Gaston	16,258	8,509	7,624	16,133
District 27B				
Cleveland	7,061	4,422	2,531	6,953
Lincoln	3,863	2,122	1,776	3,898
District Totals	10,924	6,544	4,307	10,851
District 28				
Buncombe	17,188	11,992	6,150	18,142
District 29				
Henderson	6,924	5,106	1,851	6,957
McDowell	4,456	3,167	1,432	4,599
Polk	1,793	1,192	536	1,728
Rutherford	5,202	3,573	1,623	5,196
Transylvania	1,953	1,185	709	1,894
District Totals	20,328	14,223	6,151	20,374

MOTOR VEHICLE CRIMINAL CASE FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

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District 30	Total Filed	Dispositions Waiver	Other	Total Dispositions
Cherokee	2,042	1,221	688	1,909
Clay	564	389	139	528
Graham	471	344	148	492
Haywood	5,658	3,242	2,042	5,284
Jackson	2,454	1,531	936	2,467
Macon	2,821	1,845	790	2,635
Swain	835	534	339	873
District Totals	14,845	9,106	5,082	14,188
State Totals	768,403	437,665	319,952	757,617

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	Pending 7/1/83	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/84
District 1						
Camden	8	140	148	133	89.8	15
Chowan	39	611	650	608	93.5	42
Currituck	54	608	662	596	90.0	66
Dare	380	1,387	1,767	1,138	64.4	629
Gates	22	216	238	227	95.3	11
Pasquotank	117	1,719	1,836	1,726	94.0	110
Perquimans	56	437	493	450	91.2	43
District Totals	676	5,118	5,794	4,878	84.1	916
District 2						
Beaufort	115	2,317	2,432	2,277	93.6	155
Hyde	69	482	551	519	94.1	32
Martin	76	1,264	1,340	1,244	92.8	96
Tyrrell	13	259	272	268	98.5	4
Washington	10	742	752	734	97.6	18
District Totals	283	5,064	5,347	5,042	94.2	305
District 3						
Carteret	700	4,687	5,387	4,355	80.8	1,032
Craven	587	4,875	5,462	4,836	88.5	626
Pamlico	66	459	525	483	92.0	42
Pitt	785	8,561	9,346	8,067	86.3	1,279
District Totals	2,138	18,582	20,720	17,741	85.6	2,979
District 4						
Duplin	158	2,124	2,282	2,159	94.6	123
Jones	48	508	556	497	89.3	59
Onslow	753	9,009	9,762	8,721	89.3	1,041
Sampson	341	2,759	3,100	2,752	88.7	348
District Totals	1,300	14,400	15,700	14,129	89.9	1,571
District 5						
New Hanover	1,034	9,731	10,765	9,536	88.5	1,229
Pender	120	1,019	1,139	1,046	91.8	93
District Totals	1,154	10,750	11,904	10,582	88.8	1,322
District 6						
Bertie	54	877	931	873	93.7	58
Halifax	480	3,733	4,213	3,775	89.6	438
Hertford	178	1,411	1,589	1,469	92.4	120
Northampton	65	976	1,041	960	92.2	81
District Totals	777	6,997	7,774	7,077	91.0	697
District 7						
Edgecombe	680	4,967	5,647	4,906	86.8	741
Nash	657	5,744	6,401	5,550	86.7	851
Wilson	1,068	4,760	5,828	4,832	82.9	996
District Totals	2,405	15,471	17,876	15,288	85.5	2,588
District 8						
Greene	41	832	873	819	93.8	54
Lenoir	451	4,527	4,978	4,461	89.6	517
Wayne	1,223	6,456	7,679	6,600	85.9	1,079
District Totals	1,715	11,815	13,530	11,880	87.8	1,650

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	Pending 7/1/83	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/84
District 9						
Franklin	150	1,828	1,978	1,762	89.0	216
Granville	203	1,977	2,180	2,013	92.3	167
Person	175	1,485	1,660	1,475	88.8	185
Vance	269	2,730	2,999	2,769	92.3	230
Warren	86	821	907	853	94.0	54
District Totals	883	8,841	9,724	8,872	91.2	852
District 10						
Wake	4,804	25,734	30,538	25,380	83.1	5,158
District 11						
Harnett	337	3,278	3,615	3,286	90.8	329
Johnston	412	4,895	5,307	4,887	92.0	420
Lee	252	3,667	3,919	3,573	91.1	346
District Totals	1,001	11,840	12,841	11,746	91.4	1,095
District 12						
Cumberland	3,531	18,496	22,027	18,997	86.2	3,030
Hoke	158	1,343	1,501	1,347	89.7	154
District Totals	3,689	19,839	23,528	20,344	86.4	3,184
District 13						
Bladen	224	1,872	2,096	1,856	88.5	240
Brunswick	350	2,350	2,700	2,321	85.9	379
Columbus	352	3,605	3,957	3,601	91.0	356
District Totals	926	7,827	8,753	7,778	88.8	975
District 14						
Durham	2,194	12,309	14,503	12,178	83.9	2,325
District 15A						
Alamance	544	5,428	5,972	5,305	88.8	667
District 15B						
Chatham	219	1,777	1,996	1,804	90.3	192
Orange	595	3,475	4,070	3,583	88.0	487
District Totals	814	5,252	6,066	5,387	88.8	679
District 16						
Robeson	1,089	8,020	9,109	8,488	92.1	621
Scotland	233	2,924	3,157	2,852	90.3	305
District Totals	1,322	10,944	12,266	11,340	92.4	926
District 17A						
Caswell	60	779	839	791	94.2	48
Rockingham	373	4,955	5,328	4,941	92.7	387
District Totals	433	5,734	6,167	5,732	92.9	435
District 17B						
Stokes	99	997	1,096	1,016	92.7	80
Surry	288	2,657	2,945	2,712	92.0	233
District Totals	387	3,654	4,041	3,728	92.2	313
District 18						
Guilford	5,849	26,211	32,060	25,827	80.5	6,233

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	Pending 7/1/83	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/84
District 19A						
Cabarrus	721	4,480	5,201	4,164	80.0	1,037
Rowan	363	3,698	4,061	3,736	91.9	325
District Totals	1,084	8,178	9,262	7,900	85.2	1,362
District 19B						
Montgomery	211	1,950	2,161	1,881	87.0	280
Randolph	625	4,249	4,874	4,436	91.0	438
District Totals	836	6,199	7,035	6,317	89.7	718
District 20						
Anson	320	1,643	1,963	1,733	88.2	230
Moore	377	3,615	3,992	3,635	91.0	357
Richmond	216	3,021	3,237	3,061	94.5	176
Stanly	208	2,104	2,312	2,095	90.6	217
Union	378	3,530	3,908	3,513	89.8	395
District Totals	1,499	13,913	15,412	14,037	91.0	1,375
District 21						
Forsyth	2,676	16,259	18,935	16,919	89.3	2,016
District 22						
Alexander	102	1,042	1,144	1,029	89.9	115
Davidson	804	6,304	7,108	6,144	86.4	964
Davie	99	851	950	846	89.0	104
Iredell	731	5,212	5,943	5,041	84.8	902
District Totals	1,736	13,409	15,145	13,060	86.2	2,085
District 23						
Alleghany	26	417	443	429	96.8	14
Ashe	58	711	769	710	92.3	59
Wilkes	319	2,791	3,110	2,787	89.6	323
Yadkin	101	1,077	1,178	985	83.6	193
District Totals	504	4,996	5,500	4,911	89.2	589
District 24						
Avery	70	283	353	224	63.4	129
Madison	63	483	546	411	75.2	135
Mitchell	53	352	405	349	86.1	56
Watauga	158	1,393	1,551	1,327	85.5	224
Yancey	63	419	482	419	86.9	63
District Totals	407	2,930	3,337	2,730	81.8	607
District 25						
Burke	435	3,604	4,039	3,540	87.6	499
Caldwell	363	3,188	3,551	3,124	87.9	427
Catawba	601	5,602	6,203	5,380	86.7	823
District Totals	1,399	12,394	13,793	12,044	87.3	1,749
District 26						
Mecklenburg	6,830	30,069	36,899	30,281	82.0	6,618
District 27A						
Gaston	2,165	11,797	13,962	11,693	83.7	2,269

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	Pending 7/1/83	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/84
District 27B						
Cleveland	374	4,301	4,675	4,305	92.0	370
Lincoln	200	2,123	2,323	2,104	90.5	219
District Totals	574	6,424	6,998	6,409	91.5	589
District 28						
Buncombe	1,082	10,382	11,464	10,090	88.0	1,374
District 29						
Henderson	642	3,101	3,743	3,171	84.7	572
McDowell	161	1,249	1,410	1,286	91.2	124
Polk	91	565	656	530	80.7	126
Rutherford	457	2,804	3,261	2,595	79.5	666
Transylvania	164	1,285	1,449	1,230	84.8	219
District Totals	1,515	9,004	10,519	8,812	83.7	1,707
District 30						
Cherokee	162	706	868	717	82.6	151
Clay	39	124	163	151	92.6	12
Graham	33	425	458	397	86.6	61
Haywood	317	1,973	2,290	2,033	88.7	257
Jackson	101	748	849	751	88.4	98
Macon	283	590	873	702	80.4	171
Swain	54	450	504	455	90.2	49
District Totals	989	5,016	6,005	5,206	86.6	799
State Totals	56,590	382,780	439,370	380,643	86.6	58,727

METHODS OF DISPOSITION OF DISTRICT COURT NON-MOTOR VEHICLE CASES

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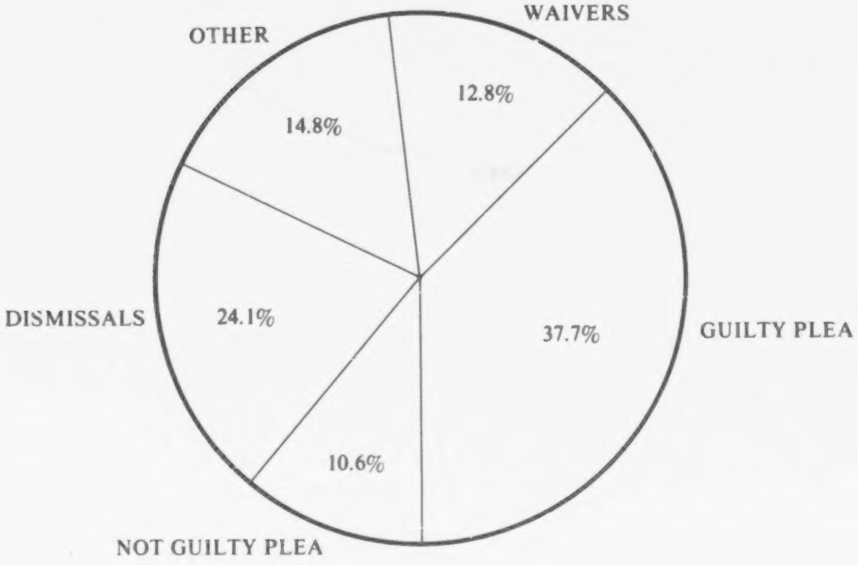

Guilty pleas continue to account for the largest number of dispositions of motor vehicle cases in the district courts. The waivers depicted here are worthless check cases.

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		Waiver		Guilty Plea		Not Guilty Plea						
	Total Disposed	Magistrate	Clerk	Judge	Magistrate	Judge	Magistrate	Prelim. Hearing	Dismissal by D.A.	Speedy Trial Dismissal	Other	% Disposed By Waiver
District 1												
Camden	133	1	0	26	37	18	0	4	8	0	39	.7
Chowan	608	41	6	221	76	110	0	36	62	0	56	7.7
Currituck	596	8	8	140	144	84	0	40	112	0	60	2.6
Dare	1,138	2	1	494	109	145	1	26	222	0	138	.2
Gates	227	5	4	63	57	30	0	13	24	0	31	3.9
Pasquotank	1,726	62	47	645	61	366	0	117	349	0	79	6.3
Perquimans	450	5	0	89	75	87	2	15	109	0	68	1.1
District Totals	4,878	124	66	1,678	559	840	3	251	886	0	471	3.8
District 2												
Beaufort	2,277	313	48	803	209	426	10	129	139	0	200	15.8
Hyde	519	1	13	117	101	75	1	31	71	0	109	2.6
Martin	1,244	186	56	452	41	178	0	141	60	0	130	19.4
Tyrrell	268	5	5	98	22	45	0	17	10	0	66	3.7
Washington	734	126	16	242	50	151	0	78	44	0	27	19.3
District Totals	5,042	631	138	1,712	423	875	11	396	324	0	532	15.2
District 3												
Carteret	4,355	453	99	1,428	625	160	0	246	1,202	0	142	12.6
Craven	4,836	772	247	1,417	232	382	0	149	1,331	0	306	21.0
Pamlico	483	8	34	113	122	50	0	16	127	0	13	8.6
Pitt	8,067	1,511	996	2,491	146	719	0	598	1,413	0	193	31.0
District Totals	17,741	2,744	1,376	5,449	1,125	1,311	0	1,009	4,073	0	654	23.2
District 4												
Duplin	2,159	208	189	768	3	54	0	243	303	0	391	18.3
Jones	497	10	24	117	80	71	0	15	87	0	93	6.8
Onslow	8,721	941	806	3,987	198	457	0	7	1,163	0	1,162	20.0
Sampson	2,752	570	287	954	12	123	2	0	322	0	482	31.1
District Totals	14,129	1,729	1,306	5,826	293	705	2	265	1,875	0	2,128	21.4
District 5												
New Hanover	9,536	767	272	3,278	117	1,279	1	1,256	1,406	0	1,160	10.8
Pender	1,046	26	10	388	119	146	0	74	194	0	89	3.4
District Totals	10,582	793	282	3,666	236	1,425	1	1,330	1,600	0	1,240	10.1
District 6												
Bertie	873	8	34	269	61	204	0	62	113	0	122	4.8
Halifax	3,775	212	82	1,265	369	647	0	133	648	0	419	7.7
Hertford	1,469	140	69	485	63	187	2	109	142	0	272	14.2
Northampton	960	53	66	232	140	136	2	62	123	0	146	12.3
District Totals	7,077	413	251	2,251	633	1,174	4	366	1,026	0	959	9.3
District 7												
Edgecombe	4,906	622	294	1,623	219	687	1	183	1,030	0	247	18.6
Nash	5,550	1,131	315	1,930	265	598	0	120	914	0	277	26.0
Wilson	4,832	638	305	1,919	83	403	0	284	1,091	0	104	19.5
District Totals	15,288	2,391	914	5,472	572	1,688	1	587	3,035	0	628	21.6
District 8												
Greene	819	140	3	229	44	81	0	42	148	0	132	17.4
Lenoir	4,461	146	0	1,341	643	466	0	169	1,146	0	550	3.2
Wayne	6,600	343	733	2,392	128	177	0	46	2,037	0	744	16.3
District Totals	11,880	629	736	3,962	815	724	0	257	3,331	0	1,426	11.4

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	Total Disposed	Waiver		Guilty Plea		Not Guilty Plea		Prelim. Hearing	Dismissal by D.A.	Speedy Trial Dismissal	Other	% Disposed By Waiver
		Magis-trate	Clerk	Judge	Magis-trate	Judge	Magis-trate					
District 9												
Franklin	1,762	357	62	507	32	251	0	110	344	0	99	23.7
Granville	2,013	165	148	748	84	253	1	182	295	0	137	15.5
Person	1,475	119	5	449	86	302	0	70	269	0	175	8.4
Vance	2,769	298	153	917	34	366	1	97	421	0	482	16.2
Warren	853	41	24	234	75	205	0	42	178	0	54	7.6
District Totals	8,872	980	392	2,855	311	1,377	2	501	1,507	0	947	15.4
District 10												
Wake	25,380	236	5,276	8,302	36	1,701	0	1,714	6,626	0	1,489	21.7
District 11												
Harnett	3,286	412	363	933	106	330	0	189	571	0	382	23.5
Johnston	4,887	601	407	1,734	78	505	0	291	837	0	434	20.6
Lee	3,573	772	61	1,147	8	465	0	256	552	0	312	23.3
District Totals	11,746	1,785	831	3,814	192	1,300	0	736	1,960	0	1,128	22.2
District 12												
Cumberland	18,997	238	4,573	5,450	209	1,628	0	46	5,134	0	1,719	25.3
Hoke	1,347	47	250	441	39	239	0	1	230	0	100	22.0
District Totals	20,344	285	4,823	5,891	248	1,867	0	47	5,364	0	1,819	25.1
District 13												
Bladen	1,856	70	165	637	136	197	0	90	430	0	131	12.6
Brunswick	2,321	119	27	607	394	270	0	102	729	0	73	6.2
Columbus	3,601	207	654	1,083	64	358	0	177	885	0	173	23.9
District Totals	7,778	396	846	2,327	594	825	0	369	2,044	0	377	15.9
District 14												
Durham	12,178	368	722	5,648	14	623	0	258	3,395	0	1,150	8.9
District 15A												
Alamance	5,305	400	26	2,238	167	853	0	470	879	0	272	8.0
District 15B												
Chatham	1,804	83	77	438	578	87	9	122	308	0	102	8.8
Orange	3,583	373	30	1,092	143	256	1	137	1,059	0	492	11.2
District Totals	5,387	456	107	1,530	721	343	10	259	1,367	0	594	10.4
District 16												
Robeson	8,488	1,169	135	4,091	18	1,067	0	858	591	0	559	15.3
Scotland	2,852	306	28	1,310	92	390	0	154	210	0	362	11.7
District Totals	11,340	1,475	163	5,401	110	1,457	0	1,012	801	0	921	14.4
District 17A												
Caswell	791	26	0	195	57	246	1	94	74	0	98	3.2
Rockingham	4,941	245	22	1,579	205	1,178	0	157	707	0	848	5.4
District Totals	5,732	271	22	1,774	262	1,424	1	251	781	0	946	5.1
District 17B												
Stokes	1,016	66	45	218	46	144	1	48	247	0	201	10.9
Surry	2,712	213	1	630	156	369	0	101	589	0	653	7.8
District Totals	3,728	279	46	848	202	513	1	149	836	0	854	8.7
District 18												
Guilford	25,827	295	955	9,079	1,701	2,405	0	896	8,049	0	2,447	4.8

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		Magistrate	Clerk	Judge	Magistrate	Judge	Magistrate					
District 19A												
Cabarrus	4,164	313	113	1,283	347	812	2	286	671	0	337	10.2
Rowan	3,736	106	113	1,062	244	881	2	506	555	0	267	5.8
District Totals	7,900	419	226	2,345	591	1,693	4	792	1,226	0	604	8.1
District 19B												
Montgomery	1,881	142	3	327	458	377	0	99	420	0	55	7.7
Randolph	4,436	724	0	1,514	93	665	0	326	943	0	171	16.3
District Totals	6,317	866	3	1,841	551	1,042	0	425	1,363	0	226	13.7
District 20												
Anson	1,733	168	4	419	153	293	0	175	485	0	36	9.9
Moore	3,635	395	331	833	112	409	0	287	617	0	651	19.9
Richmond	3,061	201	56	759	133	472	0	220	599	0	621	8.3
Stanly	2,095	306	5	463	146	328	0	285	409	0	153	14.8
Union	3,513	599	0	934	49	672	0	442	651	0	166	17.0
District Totals	14,037	1,669	396	3,408	593	2,174	0	1,409	2,761	0	1,627	14.7
District 21												
Forsyth	16,919	3	1,664	4,968	52	2,869	0	1,719	4,609	0	1,035	9.8
District 22												
Alexander	1,029	22	65	254	37	89	0	37	286	0	239	8.4
Davidson	6,144	203	106	1,876	320	790	0	127	1,834	0	888	5.0
Davie	846	52	23	235	3	158	0	42	225	0	108	8.8
Iredell	5,041	364	15	1,656	406	649	0	206	1,435	0	310	7.5
District Totals	13,060	641	209	4,021	766	1,686	0	412	3,780	0	1,545	6.5
District 23												
Alleghany	429	28	5	122	17	83	0	68	71	0	35	7.6
Ashe	710	27	53	215	74	140	0	51	120	0	30	11.2
Wilkes	2,787	262	142	818	141	657	0	212	337	0	218	14.4
Yadkin	985	34	2	308	50	251	0	103	156	0	81	3.6
District Totals	4,911	351	202	1,463	282	1,131	0	434	684	0	364	11.2
District 24												
Avery	224	41	0	40	8	22	3	41	53	0	16	18.3
Madison	411	1	0	60	33	44	0	5	161	0	107	.2
Mitchell	349	15	1	89	16	41	0	21	111	0	55	4.5
Watauga	1,327	232	85	153	60	86	13	38	289	0	371	23.8
Yancey	419	6	8	55	75	74	7	33	137	0	24	3.3
District Totals	2,730	295	94	397	192	267	23	138	751	0	573	14.2
District 25												
Burke	3,540	213	175	863	121	225	0	400	1,263	0	280	10.9
Caldwell	3,124	181	0	929	272	253	0	480	707	0	302	5.7
Catawba	5,380	470	183	1,760	204	492	0	343	1,407	0	521	12.1
District Totals	12,044	864	358	3,552	597	970	0	1,223	3,377	0	1,103	10.1
District 26												
Mecklenburg	30,281	786	4	9,617	2,277	2,027	0	2,460	11,613	0	1,497	2.6
District 27A												
Gaston	11,693	354	192	3,830	259	1,183	0	134	3,888	0	1,853	4.6
District 27B												
Cleveland	4,305	518	2	1,359	11	453	0	340	1,147	0	475	12.0
Lincoln	2,104	216	89	559	187	213	6	32	557	0	245	14.4
District Totals	6,409	734	91	1,918	198	666	6	372	1,704	0	720	12.8

MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF CRIMINAL NON-MOTOR VEHICLE CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984

		Waiver		Guilty Plea		Not Guilty Plea						
	Total Disposed	Magis-trate	Clerk	Judge	Magis-trate	Judge	Magis-trate	Prelim. Hearing	Dismissal by D.A.	Speedy Trial Dismissal	Other	% Disposed By Waiver
District 28												
Buncombe	10,090	1,102	639	4,765	48	320	0	736	2,191	0	289	17.2
District 29												
Henderson	3,171	11	7	1,107	434	116	0	407	962	0	127	.5
McDowell	1,286	95	27	485	140	94	0	159	250	0	36	9.4
Polk	530	3	5	181	12	15	0	19	203	0	92	1.5
Rutherford	2,595	240	2	862	201	286	0	163	506	0	335	9.3
Transylvania	1,230	31	29	441	172	54	1	31	343	0	128	4.8
District Totals	8,812	380	70	3,076	959	565	1	779	2,264	0	718	5.1
District 30												
Cherokee	717	4	32	186	10	12	0	54	218	0	201	5.0
Clay	151	2	13	57	3	10	0	19	45	0	2	9.9
Graham	397	0	10	99	81	19	1	6	146	0	35	2.5
Haywood	2,033	44	11	604	100	198	0	294	739	0	43	2.7
Jackson	751	24	17	147	170	19	0	4	156	0	214	5.4
Macon	702	21	5	151	68	20	0	112	272	0	53	3.7
Swain	455	23	0	102	74	18	0	36	174	0	28	5.0
District Totals	5,206	118	88	1,346	506	296	1	525	1,750	0	576	3.9
State Totals	380,643	25,262	23,514	126,270	17,085	40,319	71	22,681	91,720	0	33,721	12.8

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District 1																
Camden	15	20.3	19.0	15	0	0	0	0	133	29.9	18.0	111	18	2	2	0
Chowan	42	165.6	30.0	31	0	0	4	7	608	21.4	15.0	571	31	4	2	0
Currituck	66	19.5	12.0	65	1	0	0	0	596	27.3	16.0	543	36	8	6	3
Dare	629	361.1	347.0	194	16	17	116	286	1,138	35.5	23.0	980	116	18	21	3
Gates	11	22.1	10.0	9	2	0	0	0	227	23.0	18.0	214	13	0	0	0
Pasquotank	110	38.5	16.0	90	11	6	2	1	1,726	30.6	21.5	1,573	114	18	14	7
Perquimans	43	148.1	54.0	23	5	4	6	5	450	23.7	18.0	411	32	7	0	0
District Totals	916	269.1	107.0	427	35	27	128	299	4,878	29.2	20.0	4,403	360	57	45	13
District 2																
Beaufort	155	68.6	19.0	123	11	5	9	7	2,277	17.3	7.0	2,183	48	11	31	4
Hyde	32	66.7	30.0	28	0	0	3	1	519	29.6	15.0	465	29	7	16	2
Martin	96	134.3	59.0	49	9	16	14	8	1,244	23.0	8.0	1,164	55	13	7	5
Tyrrell	4	15.8	4.5	4	0	0	0	0	268	24.6	18.0	250	11	5	1	1
Washington	18	40.1	22.0	13	4	1	0	0	734	14.9	9.0	714	15	5	0	0
District Totals	305	86.7	23.0	217	24	22	26	16	5,042	20.0	9.0	4,776	158	41	55	12
District 3																
Carteret	1,032	129.6	40.0	641	181	68	49	93	4,355	48.8	22.0	3,492	569	108	128	58
Craven	626	65.7	31.0	406	124	42	46	8	4,836	39.6	19.0	3,960	559	184	90	43
Pamlico	42	116.7	41.5	30	6	2	0	4	483	47.4	16.0	413	29	18	12	11
Pitt	1,279	111.8	38.0	816	232	78	87	66	8,067	40.3	21.0	6,814	803	217	159	74
District Totals	2,979	108.3	37.0	1,893	543	190	182	171	17,741	42.4	21.0	14,679	1,960	527	389	186
District 4																
Duplin	123	41.3	17.0	101	10	3	8	1	2,159	37.2	21.0	1,776	279	38	58	8
Jones	59	81.1	15.0	39	9	2	4	5	497	33.5	18.0	445	33	9	6	4
Onslow	1,041	47.4	36.0	777	187	39	38	0	8,721	28.6	14.0	7,461	959	206	91	4
Sampson	348	53.3	31.0	270	38	9	27	4	2,752	45.9	32.0	2,084	527	105	24	12
District Totals	1,571	49.5	31.0	1,187	244	53	77	10	14,129	33.5	19.0	11,766	1,798	358	179	28
District 5																
New Hanover	1,229	103.1	38.0	743	176	140	87	83	9,536	36.0	17.0	8,291	759	159	209	118
Pender	93	114.8	25.0	64	9	2	8	10	1,046	34.6	16.0	895	107	30	5	9
District Totals	1,322	103.9	38.0	807	185	142	95	93	10,582	35.9	17.0	9,186	866	189	214	127
District 6																
Bertie	58	39.1	11.0	49	3	2	4	0	873	27.4	14.0	782	68	14	7	2
Halifax	438	107.8	47.0	243	49	32	107	7	3,775	43.4	22.0	3,029	434	166	123	23
Hertford	120	80.9	22.5	81	13	8	12	6	1,469	40.6	21.0	1,167	219	40	31	12
Northampton	81	37.8	24.0	65	12	3	1	0	960	30.1	17.0	817	104	20	19	0
District Totals	697	89.3	37.0	438	77	45	124	13	7,077	39.0	20.0	5,795	825	240	180	37

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District 7																
Edgecombe	741	94.6	45.0	416	118	122	53	32	4,906	42.7	23.0	3,897	670	229	75	35
Nash	851	81.7	44.0	488	203	64	79	17	5,550	40.8	22.0	4,432	766	224	97	31
Wilson	996	289.8	106.0	413	128	88	120	247	4,832	74.0	36.0	3,191	826	336	392	87
District Totals	2,588	165.5	59.5	1,317	449	274	252	296	15,288	51.9	27.0	11,520	2,262	789	564	153
District 8																
Greene	54	33.0	18.0	38	14	2	0	0	819	30.2	17.0	693	99	18	9	0
Lenoir	517	46.3	26.0	394	75	26	20	2	4,461	41.1	25.0	3,459	729	190	70	13
Wayne	1,079	61.0	31.0	708	206	90	71	4	6,600	59.8	38.0	4,423	1,349	449	327	52
District Totals	1,650	55.5	30.0	1,140	295	118	91	6	11,880	50.7	31.0	8,575	2,177	657	406	65
District 9																
Franklin	216	151.8	26.0	160	12	5	10	29	1,762	62.5	12.0	1,563	110	25	21	43
Granville	167	128.0	32.0	115	19	11	9	13	2,013	32.2	17.0	1,735	205	43	23	7
Person	185	143.7	32.0	113	22	6	6	38	1,475	42.6	22.0	1,278	136	16	11	34
Vance	230	75.7	19.0	169	24	19	9	9	2,769	33.7	18.0	2,381	275	62	40	11
Warren	54	108.4	40.0	32	5	8	4	5	853	27.0	15.0	753	68	29	2	1
District Totals	852	122.1	26.0	589	82	49	38	94	8,872	39.9	17.0	7,710	794	175	97	96
District 10																
Wake	5,158	111.3	55.5	2,716	1,097	523	565	257	25,380	71.9	37.0	16,347	4,780	1,657	2,090	506
District 11																
Harnett	329	125.6	32.0	214	39	23	25	28	3,286	33.3	18.0	2,831	277	107	63	8
Johnston	420	104.8	32.0	292	72	27	6	23	4,887	37.1	20.0	4,059	548	140	127	13
Lee	346	71.9	40.0	225	81	29	4	7	3,573	31.1	14.0	3,108	317	81	44	23
District Totals	1,095	100.7	36.0	731	192	79	35	58	11,746	34.2	17.0	9,998	1,142	328	234	44
District 12																
Cumberland	3,030	67.2	39.0	1,894	563	387	150	36	18,997	67.1	44.0	11,902	4,036	1,653	1,253	153
Hoke	154	50.2	26.0	121	14	13	5	1	1,347	41.2	25.0	1,061	178	65	43	0
District Totals	3,184	66.4	38.0	2,015	577	400	155	37	20,344	65.4	43.0	12,963	4,214	1,718	1,296	153
District 13																
Bladen	240	114.9	31.0	160	21	15	15	29	1,856	50.8	27.0	1,453	268	67	29	39
Brunswick	379	183.9	37.0	243	43	15	17	61	2,321	50.8	24.0	1,845	308	75	42	51
Columbus	356	55.4	30.0	287	42	11	7	9	3,601	33.8	22.0	3,062	428	70	34	7
District Totals	975	120.0	32.0	690	106	41	39	99	7,778	42.9	24.0	6,360	1,004	212	105	97
District 14																
Durham	2,325	206.4	67.0	1,087	424	135	203	476	12,178	50.7	29.0	8,975	2,151	580	359	113

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District 15A																
Alamance	667	118.5	26.0	461	42	20	48	96	5,305	32.6	18.0	4,755	350	63	91	46
District 15B																
Chatham	192	51.1	26.0	145	27	9	7	4	1,804	36.0	22.0	1,497	222	60	20	5
Orange	487	136.5	51.0	293	72	19	61	42	3,583	54.9	29.0	2,745	486	143	110	99
District Totals	679	112.4	37.0	438	99	28	68	46	5,387	48.6	27.0	4,242	708	203	130	104
District 16																
Robeson	621	51.8	26.0	484	85	32	11	9	8,488	42.6	20.0	7,161	746	286	220	75
Scotland	305	215.4	50.0	159	24	33	35	54	2,852	31.9	15.0	2,614	144	34	34	26
District Totals	926	105.7	26.0	643	109	65	46	63	11,340	39.9	19.0	9,775	890	320	254	101
District 17A																
Caswell	48	64.2	32.0	32	8	3	4	1	791	24.3	15.0	750	27	8	4	2
Rockingham	387	42.1	22.0	322	38	14	10	3	4,941	31.0	21.0	4,430	376	84	41	10
District Totals	435	44.5	23.0	354	46	17	14	4	5,732	30.1	20.0	5,180	403	92	45	12
District 17B																
Stokes	80	43.0	36.0	64	10	4	2	0	1,016	35.0	24.5	859	126	17	12	2
Surry	233	38.3	16.0	198	15	14	2	4	2,712	33.4	23.0	2,402	230	63	13	4
District Totals	313	39.5	18.0	262	25	18	4	4	3,728	33.8	24.0	3,261	356	80	25	6
District 18																
Guilford	6,233	106.8	60.0	3,121	1,406	697	742	267	25,827	90.2	44.0	15,609	5,535	1,749	1,552	1,382
District 19A																
Cabarrus	1,037	274.1	50.0	552	74	16	61	334	4,164	35.1	24.5	3,641	395	74	42	12
Rowan	325	86.2	23.0	259	20	7	17	22	3,736	32.9	21.0	3,304	289	73	59	11
District Totals	1,362	229.3	37.0	811	94	23	78	356	7,900	34.1	23.0	6,945	684	147	101	23
District 19B																
Montgomery	280	49.1	26.0	212	34	25	5	4	1,881	32.4	21.0	1,618	198	40	23	2
Randolph	438	56.7	32.0	301	100	23	10	4	4,436	49.7	34.0	3,317	793	153	163	10
District Totals	718	53.7	26.0	513	134	48	15	8	6,317	44.5	30.0	4,935	991	193	186	12
District 20																
Anson	230	104.1	37.0	146	30	16	24	14	1,733	47.6	31.0	1,318	316	60	26	13
Moore	357	59.2	16.0	285	40	8	9	15	3,635	33.9	17.0	3,118	359	95	41	22
Richmond	176	54.8	14.5	147	16	3	1	9	3,061	31.9	16.0	2,848	131	28	27	27
Stanly	217	24.0	11.0	195	16	4	2	0	2,095	30.2	18.0	1,916	126	18	19	16
Union	395	242.1	29.0	229	58	18	31	59	3,513	29.1	17.0	3,237	192	34	35	15
District Totals	1,375	113.1	19.0	1,002	160	49	67	97	14,037	33.4	19.0	12,437	1,124	235	148	93

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District 21																
Forsyth	2,016	92.6	31.0	1,306	296	140	197	77	16,919	104.0	22.0	14,280	976	212	301	1,150
District 22																
Alexander	115	56.5	25.0	89	18	2	3	3	1,029	39.2	21.0	902	79	22	17	9
Davidson	964	76.6	30.5	701	113	50	63	37	6,144	45.0	21.0	4,914	739	214	216	61
Davie	104	174.0	80.0	47	31	11	7	8	846	36.9	22.0	668	159	12	3	4
Iredell	902	152.8	29.0	644	92	30	19	117	5,041	41.4	28.0	4,217	600	111	92	21
District Totals	2,085	113.3	30.0	1,481	254	93	92	165	13,060	42.6	24.0	10,701	1,577	359	328	95
District 23																
Alleghany	14	56.7	51.5	11	0	3	0	0	429	29.7	22.0	373	43	12	1	0
Ashe	59	268.4	150.0	22	7	2	11	17	710	24.2	14.0	647	55	4	1	3
Wilkes	323	265.5	82.0	146	35	11	44	87	2,787	29.9	15.0	2,529	195	25	23	15
Yadkin	193	13.4	2.0	180	12	0	1	0	985	36.4	22.0	807	136	28	12	2
District Totals	589	178.2	30.0	359	54	16	56	104	4,911	30.4	15.0	4,356	429	69	37	20
District 24																
Avery	129	376.0	131.0	24	37	13	12	43	224	62.8	22.0	190	21	3	2	8
Madison	135	156.3	74.0	59	21	19	25	11	411	48.1	30.0	310	62	18	20	1
Mitchell	56	101.2	29.0	39	6	1	6	4	349	96.3	36.0	247	60	15	10	17
Watauga	224	125.4	81.0	94	54	24	42	10	1,327	47.1	16.0	1,092	124	34	60	17
Yancey	63	137.6	44.0	39	6	4	4	10	419	34.4	24.0	359	48	9	1	2
District Totals	607	184.6	81.0	255	124	61	89	78	2,730	52.9	22.0	2,198	315	79	93	45
District 25																
Burke	499	69.3	43.0	314	117	36	22	10	3,540	49.9	28.0	2,674	597	132	101	36
Caldwell	427	62.2	38.0	298	69	33	22	5	3,124	41.4	25.0	2,571	374	89	77	13
Catawba	823	71.1	32.0	543	144	81	37	18	5,380	40.7	23.0	4,424	607	176	157	16
District Totals	1,749	68.4	38.0	1,155	330	150	81	33	12,044	43.6	25.0	9,669	1,578	397	335	65
District 26																
Mecklenburg	6,618	172.0	65.0	3,185	1,208	545	769	911	30,281	81.7	40.0	18,122	6,364	2,377	2,759	659
District 27A																
Gaston	2,269	128.0	52.0	1,207	401	174	301	186	11,693	59.1	35.0	8,566	1,925	490	420	292
District 27B																
Cleveland	370	54.5	24.0	292	44	12	12	10	4,305	30.8	20.0	3,800	396	70	32	7
Lincoln	219	45.1	23.0	186	13	8	11	1	2,104	36.4	25.0	1,801	241	22	36	4
District Totals	589	51.0	23.0	478	57	20	23	11	6,409	32.6	22.0	5,601	637	92	68	11
District 28																
Buncombe	1,374	84.1	32.0	879	183	124	149	39	10,090	40.4	22.0	8,671	786	251	343	39

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District 29																
Henderson	572	251.8	99.0	241	62	38	63	168	3,171	47.4	29.0	2,447	519	102	63	40
McDowell	124	94.1	44.0	85	15	7	11	6	1,286	35.5	25.0	1,086	162	21	14	3
Polk	126	283.9	124.0	27	6	51	8	34	530	44.6	26.5	412	85	21	7	5
Rutherford	666	157.5	39.0	409	73	23	57	104	2,595	67.2	30.0	1,907	446	92	75	75
Transylvania	219	104.4	67.0	106	27	27	59	0	1,230	58.5	37.5	798	262	118	43	9
District Totals	1,707	187.0	57.0	868	183	146	198	312	8,812	52.9	29.0	6,650	1,474	354	202	132
District 30																
Cherokee	151	110.6	31.0	99	22	4	5	21	717	70.4	44.0	442	189	42	25	19
Clay	12	58.5	41.5	8	3	0	1	0	151	99.1	38.0	93	16	13	20	9
Graham	61	68.5	60.0	36	19	0	3	3	397	32.1	22.0	348	35	9	5	0
Haywood	257	115.7	45.0	146	58	9	14	30	2,033	60.1	22.0	1,673	175	55	35	95
Jackson	98	80.5	35.0	59	17	4	18	0	751	58.7	20.0	589	72	18	39	33
Macon	171	876.7	732.0	27	6	10	22	106	702	270.8	33.0	480	70	7	19	126
Swain	49	144.8	39.0	32	2	8	2	5	455	39.1	23.0	395	44	6	3	7
District Totals	799	270.6	60.0	407	127	35	65	165	5,206	86.9	25.0	4,020	601	150	146	289
State Totals	58,727	124.6	44.0	34,439	9,662	4,567	5,112	4,947	380,643	54.5	26.0	293,026	52,194	15,440	13,777	6,206

RANKINGS FOR THE 34 JUDICIAL DISTRICTS BASED UPON PERCENT TOTAL CASELOAD DISPOSED*

July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984

Judicial Division	Judicial District	Superior Court			Estates	Special Proceedings	District Court	
		Civil	Criminal				Civil	Criminal Non-Motor Vehicle
			Felonies	Misdemeanors				
I	1	23	29	17	5	28	21	27
	2	15	28	24	16	33	22	1
	3	17	25	10	11	14	25	24
	4	21	1	12	24	22	27	10
	5	22	3	4	1	3	29	14
	6	5	17	18	25	32	6	8
	7	8	4	3	6	31	28	25
	8	24	7	11	10	15	7	19
II	9	16	27	32	2	12	16	7
	10	13	26	25	33	19	19	31
	11	2	10	8	20	20	5	6
	12	29	20	9	3	6	26	22
	13	30	15	7	19	30	23	15
	14	11	21	26	31	2	31	28
	15A	33	31	14	15	18	1	16
	15B	7	11	15	27	34	33	17
	16	26	9	23	13	16	14	3
III	17A	3	2	2	18	23	3	2
	17B	9	6	5	8	13	10	4
	18	34	23	31	12	4	13	34
	19A	14	14	19	14	10	24	26
	19B	31	33	27	7	9	18	11
	20	27	13	13	22	25	32	8
	21	12	5	1	17	1	12	12
	22	6	22	6	9	6	9	23
	23	20	32	28	21	18	2	13
IV	24	19	34	34	34	26	20	33
	25	10	18	20	29	11	17	20
	26	28	24	30	23	27	8	32
	27A	1	8	21	26	8	11	29
	27B	18	12	33	4	5	15	5
	28	4	19	16	30	29	4	18
	29	25	16	22	28	21	30	30
	30	32	30	29	32	24	34	21

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RANKINGS FOR THE 100 COUNTIES BASED UPON PERCENT TOTAL CASELOAD DISPOSED*

July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984

Judicial District	County	Superior Court			Estates	Special Proceedings	District Court	
		Civil	Criminal				Civil	Criminal Non-Motor Vehicle
			Felonies	Misdemeanors				
1	Camden	99	92	87	36	73	62	46
	Chowan	97	91	44	86	94	59	14
	Currituck	18	12	13	59	26	26	43
	Dare	96	30	48	1	81	67	99
	Gates	41	77	86	3	71	40	4
	Pasquotank	20	74	28	45	39	51	9
	Perquimans	14	97	89	96	90	72	32
2	Beaufort	51	84	63	22	100	70	13
	Hyde	34	32	8	30	65	93	8
	Martin	32	41	98	79	96	57	16
	Tyrrell	66	35	3	84	52	7	1
	Washington	54	66	74	29	12	2	2
3	Carteret	61	78	31	6	33	85	92
	Craven	59	45	14	75	49	71	60
	Pamlico	86	36	75	8	87	95	28
	Pitt	49	68	43	34	27	49	76
4	Duplin	42	26	25	66	68	45	5
	Jones	87	3	21	63	97	89	53
	Onslow	77	11	61	71	47	90	52
	Sampson	33	4	1	50	56	15	58
5	New Hanover	55	20	16	2	3	81	61
	Pender	90	22	15	65	82	86	30
6	Bertie	4	19	60	62	69	20	12
	Halifax	39	43	41	90	98	36	48
	Hertford	8	27	52	11	77	32	20
	Northampton	22	87	88	31	61	5	24
7	Edgecombe	7	17	18	4	75	91	71
	Nash	43	9	7	25	76	75	73
	Wilson	37	34	27	52	86	83	89
8	Greene	16	88	81	19	74	4	11
	Lenoir	53	21	23	9	19	28	49
	Wayne	76	18	36	48	44	31	80
9	Franklin	38	90	85	20	89	54	54
	Granville	28	75	80	5	1	64	22
	Person	57	42	91	13	57	48	57
	Vance	45	51	57	16	5	47	21
	Warren	91	71	84	7	66	1	10
10	Wake	40	64	70	91	50	52	88
11	Harnett	9	8	4	46	60	18	37
	Johnston	5	39	30	28	15	19	27
	Lee	10	47	45	93	92	39	33
12	Cumberland	73	48	34	17	13	74	77
	Hoke	44	7	19	54	37	14	47
13	Bladen	46	86	49	14	21	12	62
	Brunswick	62	73	73	42	41	78	79
	Columbus	81	6	9	78	95	41	34
14	Durham	35	55	68	81	8	84	85
15A	Alamance	89	80	37	44	45	11	56
15B	Chatham	31	76	64	64	84	87	40
	Orange	15	25	24	77	99	97	66
16	Robeson	71	16	39	26	23	46	15
	Scotland	52	72	90	67	79	22	41

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RANKINGS FOR THE 100 COUNTIES BASED UPON PERCENT TOTAL CASELOAD DISPOSED*

July 1, 1983 — June 30, 1984

Judicial District	County	Superior Court			Estates	Special Proceedings	District Court	
		Civil	Criminal				Civil	Criminal Non-Motor Vehicle
			Felonies	Misdemeanors				
17A	Caswell	1	2	2	35	31	42	7
	Rockingham	12	24	12	56	64	16	17
17B	Stokes	80	5	50	23	25	50	18
	Surry	23	40	11	33	38	25	26
18	Guilford	94	61	78	38	11	38	94
19A	Cabarrus	58	49	69	47	43	68	96
	Rowan	26	31	29	39	14	63	29
19B	Montgomery	100	98	54	41	48	94	69
	Randolph	72	82	83	24	10	21	35
20	Anson	48	37	94	99	91	27	64
	Moore	30	10	17	57	32	79	36
	Richmond	95	57	10	73	93	100	6
	Stanly	84	14	22	32	83	82	38
	Union	69	69	26	10	7	76	45
21	Forsyth	36	23	5	53	2	37	51
22	Alexander	17	67	6	15	30	34	44
	Davidson	11	50	20	21	4	6	75
	Davie	27	65	51	12	46	96	55
	Iredell	29	59	35	51	16	33	82
23	Alleghany	2	99	77	68	24	17	3
	Ashe	47	96	97	43	40	13	23
	Wilkes	75	63	76	74	53	8	50
	Yadkin	60	95	53	55	36	44	87
24	Avery	19	70	65	69	85	73	100
	Madison	92	83	99	60	88	58	98
	Mitchell	63	85	58	100	42	9	78
	Watauga	3	94	100	82	63	53	70
	Yancey	78	100	40	89	35	56	81
25	Burke	68	33	72	72	22	24	68
	Caldwell	21	54	55	85	28	61	67
	Catawba	25	44	46	76	20	60	72
26	Mecklenburg	70	62	79	61	70	30	91
27A	Gaston	6	28	59	70	17	35	86
27B	Cleveland	50	53	71	18	9	65	25
	Lincoln	74	13	92	27	18	3	39
28	Buncombe	13	46	42	80	72	23	65
29	Henderson	65	60	95	58	34	99	84
	McDowell	79	15	38	92	29	55	31
	Polk	24	38	62	87	6	10	93
	Rutherford	56	29	47	40	78	69	97
	Transylvania	64	56	56	94	67	80	83
30	Cherokee	85	89	33	97	59	92	90
	Clay	88	1	67	37	51	29	19
	Graham	67	93	96	98	58	66	74
	Haywood	93	79	93	49	54	77	59
	Jackson	83	81	32	88	80	43	63
	Macon	82	52	66	95	62	88	95
	Swain	98	58	82	83	55	98	42

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